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KENNEDY JOINS FACULTY NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

Dr. James Hardee Kennedy has been added to the faculty of the New Orleans Seminary, assuming his duties for the 1947-48 session. He has been serving as an instructor in the Old Testament department, in which he will now be professor. He is a native of Clarke county, Mississippi, a graduate of Clarke Memorial and Mississippi Colleges, where he was outstanding.

The years 1940 to 1947 have been spent in the New Orleans Baptist



DR. J. HARDEE KENNEDY

Theological Seminary. The degree of Master of Education was awarded in 1944. Work leading to the degree of Doctor of Theology is due to be completed at the end of this present session.

Professor Kennedy has proved to be a man of outstanding ability both as (Continued on Page Two)

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RANKIN CITIZENS CALL FOR STATE DEPUTIES TO CLEAN UP GOLD COAST

Committee Charges Gambling
and Liquor Sales Continue

APPROXIMATELY 500 RANKIN COUNTY CITIZENS MADE A BID TOWARD HELPING THEMSELVES IN RIDING THEIR COMMUNITIES OF LIQUOR AND GAMBLING RACKETS, WHICH THEY CHARGED STILL ARE OPERATING.

Meeting Sunday afternoon May 18, in the court room of the Brandon court-house the resolution stated that the citizens committee should visit Sheriff Henry Grey Laird and ask him to request help from the governor, a step Laird has said is not necessary.

The citizens suggested that Laird request Governor Wright to send a special squad of deputized citizens against liquor and gambling operators, in place of National Guard troops as was done some 10 years ago.

These special deputies should have the power to confiscate liquor and arrest the owners of the illegal stores, the citizens decided.

Governor Wright several weeks ago warned Gold Coast operators to close (Continued on Page Two)

FOREMAN BRINGS SECOND BAPTIST HOUR MESSAGE

"The God of All Comfort" will be the subject of Dr. A. D. Foreman Jr., next Sunday morning, May 25, in his last of two messages on the current series of the Baptist Hour. Dr. Foreman, a native of Houston and graduate of the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas.

The Baptist Hour, now in its sixth year, is broadcast over a network of 59 independent stations, giving radio coverage to the territory from Maryland to Florida and Westward to include Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Missouri, and is heard around the world by shortwave.

The Baptist Hour may be heard in Mississippi at 7:30 CST Sunday morning over radio stations WCBI, Columbus, WGRM, Greenwood; WSLI, Jackson, and WAML, Laurel.

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The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent

RELIGION URGED TO USE SALES PROMOTION TECHNIQUES

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—A warning that Protestantism in particular and religion in general is using tiddle-diddling pressures to put across a message that deserves sledge-hammer blows was issued here by Dr. Merritt F. Williams, canon of the National Cathedral at historic Mount Saint Alban's.

Dr. Williams said he has observed that too many Christians—ministers and laymen—are trying "to fight a battle with a feather for a sword."

"The church is trying to put out a great fire with a squirt gun," he asserted. "It is doing business just as it did two, three, or four generations

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Organizations Report Gains To St. Louis Convention Relief Offering Exceeds \$5,000

PRINCIPLE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REAFFIRMED

(Editor's Note: We are continuing this week the report of the Southern Baptist Convention which met in St. Louis, May 7-11).

The following recommendations submitted by the Committee on Church Organizations through its chairman, Dr. G. S. Dobbins of Kentucky were adopted:

Church Organizations

1. That results of the studies of the Committee be earnestly considered by those charged with responsibility for leadership in the several organizations involved.

2. That a Committee be continued for further study and report, the Committee to consist of fifteen members,

Gartin To Be Commencement Speaker Green To Give Baccalaureate Sermon



HONORABLE CARROLL GARTIN



DR. L. E. GREEN

CLINTON, Miss., May 14, 1947—Mayor Carroll Gartin of Laurel will deliver the Baccalaureate address on June 2 as the one hundred and twenty first annual session of Mississippi College comes to a close. One hundred and twenty young men and women are to receive degrees according to a statement given out by Dean W. H. Sumrall.

Tithing Plea Is Televised Campaign Expected To Yield One Hundred Million Dollars

ST. LOUIS—(SBPA)—Television—communication's most modern marvel—was used to broadcast the first public appeal for Southern Baptists to support the denomination's campaign for a million tithers this fall.

Standing before the television cameras and microphone of Station KSD-TV at St. Louis, Dr. Louis D. Newton of Atlanta, just elected to his second term as Convention president, urged all Christians co-operating with the Convention to join in the three-months' special tithing emphasis the

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with personnel suggested as follows: six pastors, three teachers of religious education, three educational directors, two women, and one layman; and that a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 be allotted by the Executive Committee for expenses.

3. That there be held a joint meeting of this Committee and a representative each from the Sunday School and Training Union Departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board, from the Women's Missionary Union, the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, and the Educational Departments of the Baptist Home Mission Board and the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

4. That the Committee report to the 1948 meeting of the Convention any further information and findings it (Continued on Page Ten)

Dr. Leroy Green of Pascagoula, Mississippi will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Clinton Baptist Church Sunday, June 1. A sacred concert by the Mississippi College Choral Choir will be given in the Clinton Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, directed by Professor Ellis Neece Elsey. A breakfast honoring the seniors will be given at Lake Wilson Monday morning and an alumni luncheon in the cafeteria at noon. A reception honoring the seniors and their friends will be given by President and Mrs. D. M. Nelson on their lawn at four in the afternoon.

The following list of graduates has been released by Dean Sumrall:

Angell, Leland Chester, Chanute, Kansas; Barnett, Tracy Butler, Jr., Dekalb; Barnhill, Myrtle Fait, Clinton; Bassett, James Benton, Forest; Bennett, Henry Joe, Sarepta; Bethune, Robbie Ann, Jackson; Blackmon, Claude Alton (S), Jackson; Bounds, James Newton, Weatherby; Braddock, Thomas Nathan, Jr., Ripley; Bruce, Victor Harrison, Jr., Jackson; Buckley, Mary Willie, Newhebron; Burkett, Mary Wells (S), Columbia; Burkett, Roy Myrtle (S), Columbia; Burt, Ida Sybil, Philadelphia; Bush, Edna Earl, Newhebron; Case, Carl Bryan, Wesson; Cloy, Frances Joyce, Bude;

Cochran, Pauline Wingo, Midland, Texas; Cochran, Samuel Warren (S), Waynesboro; Cocke, Sam Lewis, Jackson; Conlee, Mary Lynn, Jackson; Conner, Joseph Clifton, Jr., (S), Columbia; Courtney, Rutledge Elwood (S), Neely; Dale, David Berry (S), Prentiss; DeFoore, John Norris, Sidon; Denman, Sidney Brunson, Charleston; Dewease, Lester Odell (S), Noxapater; Dickson, Jennie Lou Mitchell, Grenada; Dorrill, Eva Loyette, Carthage; Evans, Benton Emil (S), Sontag; Evans, John Martin, Albertville, Ala.; Fortenberry, Harlan Evis, Tylertown; Frost, Mary Pickering, Clinton; Furr, Jean Rosa (S), Tylertown; (Continued on Page Two)



REV. THOMAS S. MESSER

Hattiesburg Church To Have New Pastor

Rev. Thomas S. Messer, a native of Hattiesburg, has recently accepted the call to the Twenty-Eighth Avenue Baptist Church of Hattiesburg. He received the B.A. degree from Mississippi Southern College in 1943 and the Th.M. degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on April 29, 1947.

During college days Mr. Messer was pastor of The Toombsa Baptist Church in Lauderdale County. During his seminary training he served as a state missionary of Louisiana in the Atchafalaya River Basin.

Mrs. Messer is the former Mary Wheeler Gray of Waynesboro, Miss. She is also a graduate of Mississippi Southern College, and holds the Master of Religious Education Degree from the New Orleans Seminary.

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TITHING PLEA IS TELEVISED CAMPAIGN EXPECTED TO YIELD ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

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last quarter of 1947.

"This modern method of pressing an ancient standard of stewardship acceptable unto God is evidence of the march of Christian endeavor to match an age of invention and progress," commented Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee which will press the campaign.

Dr. McCall said that the special tithing appeal is expected to secure a hundred million dollars for the churches, institutions, and mission agencies co-operating with the Convention. This will be four times the approximately twenty-five million dollars usually given each quarter by Southern Baptists.

Station KSD-TV is one of the newest television stations in America. There are 600 privately owned television sets in the city of St. Louis, and television sets also were available in the lobby of the Convention hall where messengers saw and heard television for the first time.

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Our revival at Brewer Baptist Church, Perry county, was one of the best I have ever been in. Bro. Morrell Lee, of the Roseland Park church, Picayune, Miss., was at his best, and his messages were of the highest type. There were twenty-one additions, fourteen by baptism and seven by letter. Also, a number came rededicating their lives. We had a record attendance of 102 in B.T.U. Sunday and the attendance remained good throughout the week. Our joy knew no bounds when our own ten year old son (our only) came for baptism. C. B. SAUCIER, pastor.

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a preacher and a teacher. In college he served as fellow in the Department of Bible under the late Doctor M. O. Patterson, and he was very highly regarded by his professor. In the Seminary he served as president of the student body during the 1942-43 session. By all his associates and professors in the Seminary he is held in highest regard. In addition to his school work he has served for several years as pastor of the New Zion Baptist Church near Tylertown, Mississippi, and he is dearly beloved by his people there. Friends from all sides join in appreciation of his worth and in anticipation of his service in the Seminary.

In announcing the selection of the new Seminary professor, Dr. R. Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans institution, lauded the brilliance and ability of Dr. Kennedy, and predicted a spiritually successful relationship for the days ahead.

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ago, although every business, every modern enterprise, even nations, have changed their methods of propaganda to meet present-day needs.

Ministers may be aware of the need of reaching the unchurched masses, but they are not as successful as the soap salesman who spends as much time trying to find new customers for his soap as he spends seeing to it that older customers continue their use of his product."

It is Canon Williams' idea that Christianity must have words and emotion to meet the needs of converts, but that there must be something else, something tangible—a symbol that can be advertised in print and on the radio.

Canon Williams urged denominations to sponsor nation-wide broadcasts, to go in for newspaper display advertising campaigns throughout the nation, and to use billboards.

But whatever promotion methods denominations use, they should see to it that the methods fit modern tastes and appeal to present-day Americans. The campaigns should be sustained and hard-hitting, not feeble and half-hearted, he declared.

When a salesmanager sends a salesman out to sell soap, the salesman does not go without additional help, the canon said. A sustained radio, billboard, and newspaper advertising campaign follows the soap salesman, he pointed out, adding that ministers ought to insist that their denominations furnish them with the same tools for selling Christianity that soap salesmen can command.

"There no longer is any question about the need for selling Christianity today. It is recognized by all intelligent persons that if the world does not become amenable to the teachings of Christ, the world will be lost. We must sell as never before."

Italian Minorities

It hasn't been reported in the general press—yet—but the Baptists are putting all the pressure possible on the Department of State to assure minority religious groups in Italy more "rights," instead of just privileges.

Dr. James M. Dawson, executive

secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, has composed a strong letter on the subject of religious freedom and America's responsibility for helping nurture it in other lands. He will send it to Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and he will follow it up with calls for help from Baptists throughout the nation, as well as other denominations.

In the letter, the Baptist spokesman points out that the U. S. ought to use its influence at once and fully to get action in the United Nations organization on the so-called international Bill of Rights, which includes a strong provision for religious freedom among all member-nations. Dr. Dawson was a religious representative at the San Francisco Conference which drafted the UN Charter and he had a hand in writing the religious freedom section of the so-called Bill of Rights.

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RANKIN CITIZENS CALL FOR STATE DEPUTIES TO CLEAN UP GOLD COAST

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their doors and cease all activities. If this was not done, the governor said, national guard troops would be sent across the river whenever the sheriff found himself unable to cope with the situation.

The meeting was headed by Edgar Musterfeldt, John deFoore, Thompson D. Webb, Lee Roberts, Glynn Melvin, Earl Pressley and Wayne Alliston, committee members.

Members of the committee charged that liquor still was being sold in the Gold Coast and other sections of the county. DeFoore read a list of liquor invoices which he obtained from the state tax collector's office. These invoices reported the recent sale of about \$30,000 in liquor by Louisiana wholesalers to operators along the Gold Coast.

The committee charged that Sheriff Laird was not cooperating with the law enforcement drive, and pointed out that he had been invited to attend the meeting but had not appeared.

"We invited the sheriff to be present at this and I don't see him," Musterfeldt said. "If I was sheriff of Rankin county and had a clear conscience you couldn't tie me away."

The resolution asked the sheriff without delay to call on the governor for help."

"We want someone to come over here and take the liquor—quick," Alliston said.

The Gold Coast was given special emphasis in the discussion, but all of Rankin County was included.

At the meeting, the citizens decided to call themselves the "Christian Citizens' League," and to seek chapters throughout the state.

Dr. W. L. Holcomb, of the department of temperance of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spoke to the group and praised their civic interest.

"This is a state-wide battle," he said. "We must work together to rid our state of these vices."

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The Baptist Record is grateful for a list of 40 new and renewal subscriptions from Tillatoba church sent by the clerk, Mrs. J. Craig. The pastor is Cecil C. Sutley of Clinton.

A nice list of new and renewal subscriptions recently came from Adaton Church, Oktibbeha county. The list was sent by Miss Elvie Duke.

GARTEN TO BE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER; GREEN TO GIVE BACCA- LAUREATE SERMON

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Gilbert, John Lewis (S), Meridian; Gilbert, Mary Elizabeth, Meridian; Gillaspay, Mary Frederica, (S), Monticello; Glaze, Andrew Jackson, Jr., Pelahatchie; Gore, Albert Leroy (S), Jackson; Green, Peter Bliss, Jr., Crystal Springs; Green, Samuel Calhoun, Crystal Springs; Hall, Jerry Fowler, Jr., Desoto; Hall, William Bondurant, Clinton; Hammett, Marguerite Jolly, Okolona; Hancock, James Boyce, Jackson; Harden, John Charles, Jr., (S), Poplarville; Hartzog, Leahmon Howard, Newhebron; Hollis, LeOra Miriam, Chalybeate; Horne, Vera Annelie, Monticello; Howell, Sarah Jeanne (S), Canton; Hurt, Hubert Olyn, Louisville; Hurt, James Albert, Louisville; James, Alexander, Amory; James, Franklin Ward, Louin; Jones, Robert Ellis (S), Hattiesburg; Kitchings, Atley Asher, Jr., (S), Jackson; Kitchings, Betty Jane Langley, Jackson; Lambuth, James Archie, Jr., Meadville; Landrum, DeWitt Eldredge, Clinton; Langford, Margaret Jean, Gulfport; Lee, James Walter (S), Forest; Lenape, Minnie Mae (S), Pascagoula; Lovett, Hazel Dell (S), Morton; Loyd, Benjamin Frederick (S), LaFayette, Ga.; McDaniel, Herbert Luther, Camden; McDonald, Douglas (S), Terry; Magee, Edith Nell, Tylertown; Mahaffey, Clyde Preston (S), Harrisville; Mahaffey, George Davis, Braxton; Martin, Margaret Lucille, Tillatoba; Majure, Sue Kemp, Jackson; Mavity, Leonard Kenneth, LaFayette, Ga.; Mayhall, David Norris, Cleveland; Mayhall, Ollie Mae Ware, Magee; Megginson, Leon Cassity, Mobile, Ala.; Megginson, Lois Fitzgerald, McComb; Miller, Hollis Lavel, Columbia;

Mills, Arien LaFayette, Clara; Mitchell, Shelby Wilson (S), Wesson; Moody, Earl, Louisville; Moore, Jean Cooper (S), Morton; Morton, Howard Wilbanks (S), Goodman; Nazary, Jack Devon (S), Carthage; Newton, Lucy Elizabeth, Monticello; Padelford, Anita Clare (S), Jackson; Patterson, Gloria Abbott, Memphis, Tenn.; Perreault, Quentin McKay, Canton; Phillips, Ina Mae (S), Newhebron; Pierce, Buford Garrett, Star; Poole, Frances Lorraine, Monticello; Furyear, Lamar, Jr., Raymond; Randall, Clarence Cecil (S), Wesson; Ray, Martha Eugene, Pontotoc; Ray, William Elmore, Walnut; Redd, Herbert Lumas, Union; Rogers, Foy Husey, Tupelo; Rogers, Rayford Cook (S), Meridian; Sandifer, Joy Young, Clinton; Sherrod, Glenn Mack, St. Louis, Mo.; Simmons, Lauderan Bealot, Laurel; Simmons, Myrtle, Utica; Smith, Richard Butler, Pelahatchie;

Spain, Richard Claiborne (S), Petersburg, Va.; Spain, Rufus Bruin, Mobile, Ala.; Speed, Joseph Byron, Collins; Stansbury, Elizabeth Stovall, (S), Clinton; Stovall, Joe Henry, Jr., Clinton; Taylor, Elizabeth Rosa, Raymond; Tolar, Johnie Sue, Jackson; Wallace, Taylor, Harrison, (S), Crystal Springs; Walley, Dorothy Merle, Leakesville; Warnock, Frank B., Ft. Stockton, Texas; Watts, Hilda Mary (S), Columbia; Wendolkowski, Walter Stanley, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; White, Stacie Iris, Jackson; Whitten, Sammie Fox, McCool; Windham, Julian Arthur (S), Chunky; Wood, Arthur Eugene, Jr., Clinton; Woodall, Sam, Jr., (S), Brookhaven; Worthy, Hobart Osburn (S), Eupora; Young, Jesse Madison Roxie.

(S)—Summer School

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David P. Delling, clerk of Gaston Association in North Carolina won the South-wide contest for associational minutes with a perfect score. Charles B. Deane of Pee Dee Association was second.

Since the first retirement under the Ministers Retirement Plan, only 749 of the 1300 pastors eligible have retired. The retirement age has been a fraction under 70.

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: “Love Never Fails.” 1 Cor. 13:8

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“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.” Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

I

The world needs a great principle of life—a rule of procedure—a spirit of heart. Jesus gives all of that and more in Matthew 7:12 which we place at the head of this page for some months. It is just like Jesus to speak like this! We would expect as much from him!

Some add, “and do it first.” We feel Jesus gave it as it ought to be and even human smartness may add nothing to it.

“Therefore, ALL THINGS whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.” Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

Wars among nations will lessen as wars within churches lessen! Wars between nations will decrease as wars between church members—we preachers—deacons—leaders, et al—decrease!

Such will happen only as we have the spirit of Christ set forth by Him in Matthew 7:12. We will have His spirit as we camp about His cross entering into His suffering, Isaiah 53, John 19; as we walk with Him, I John 1; as we keep His words, John 14; etc.

Mississippi Baptists for years have had a great fellowship because in our midst we have had so many preachers and laymen, men and women, boys and girls—who have had so much of His Spirit they wanted to be like Him in life and in attitude toward others.

“I want my life to glorify my Lord and King; I want to please and honor Him in everything; I want my life to tell men that He is my Guide; I want the world to know He’s walking by my side. I want to live as Jesus lived, I want to love as Jesus loved, I want to serve and honor Him and please Him in everything; I want to live as Jesus lived, I want to love as Jesus loved, I want my life to testify that He’s my Lord and King.”

It is easy to snarl, snipe, gripe, sneer, stab, sull, poison, push, press, scalp, wreck, worst, wrench, wool-gather, pound, connive, maneuver, caucus, kill, destroy, divide, weaken, enervate, threaten, mistreat, gossip, and massacre in desire and attitude toward others. There is nothing new or smart in such. The Bible elaborately deals with it and paints no pretty picture regarding it.

If you want beauty and power, read I Corinthians 13, John 13, John 14, and Luke 23! Then read again Matthew 7:12.

II

Along the way we met two fellows. One had a snarl in his voice, a whine in his words, criticism in his spirit. We left him feeling we had been in a refrigerator; feeling like we needed a warm bath; oh, well, that is enough of him!

Then, we ran upon Dr. Hight C. Moore—great man—great soul—great Christian—great heart! How refreshing! How encouraging! He said, “I look over your page each week! I believe in you! I believe in your work!” It was tonic for the day and for the day! Burdens that press! Tasks that are terrific! Irritations that harass! Scope of work so vast as to stagger! Needs that challenge! Opportunities that thrill! How real comrades in service help! How a helping hand does strengthen!

All the people of the world classify under one of the groups. Pharisees always growling and snarling their disapproval unless indeed the thing is of themselves. As vultures they sit around feasting on the carrion of mistakes! Cutting ground out from underfoot! Taking the heart out of somebody!

Then there are those of the tribes of Caleb and Barnabas—real followers having the spirit of Jesus “going about doing good.”

People all over this state and beyond have told us they read this page and with interest!

We like to encourage people! That is a reason for the pronounced and positive commendations that help fill it again and again! We can really speak the truth in love (a Bible admonition in case you do not know it—speaking the truth is one thing—in love is more) in commanding our fellows in service.

Thank you, Dr. Moore, for encouraging us and for inspiring these lines!

III

For these years we have not had our name at the head of this page. We are not ashamed of the name! Our parents gave us a good one! It has been in print more than we deserved! We felt most people knew who was responsible for these paragraphs. It did not particularly matter if a few did not know!

For some time, however, friends have been telling us it would help if they knew our office phone number. Telephone officials have repeatedly told us many people call and are unable to get us because our name is not in the Jackson telephone directory. You know we live in the Metropolitan City of Clinton. Jackson just happens to be located within about eight miles of it—and we do mean “just happens.”

For the above reasons we identify ourself a little more fully by giving suggested information at the head of our column. Anything to oblige—in other words, Matthew 7:12! Doxology!

IV

We missed the Miami Convention last year in getting ready to leave for South America the next week.

An important personal commitment almost prevented our attendance upon the Convention at St. Louis this year. We finally managed to arrive the middle of the second day. Many Mississippians were already on the ground and others were coming.

A good account of the Convention has been carried in these pages, and we have nothing to add other than to say it was great to be there.

We piloted our own plane up across the beautiful mountains of southeast Missouri finally hitting St. Louis right on the head. We were happy to have Brother Fred B. Bookter as a passenger on the return trip.

Dr. Louie D. Newton flew back home in a private plane.

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We were out of the office at the time of the home going of the father of Mrs. Alda Matthews. Mrs. Matthews is one of our fine workers in the Baptist Record Mailing Department. We join others in sympathetic remembrance. Psalm 23. John 14.

VI

Dr. J. D. Freeman, splendid preacher and leader, will be in the state Sunday, May 25, and we would be happy to see one of our churches use him that day.

VII

The following paragraphs in a letter from Pastor Homer W. Roberson, Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, calls us, on the one hand, to prayerful remembrance, and on the other hand, to joyful appreciation:

“Things are happening at Bowmar Avenue since you were here. You must have done a good job. The congregation voted unanimously last Sunday to enter into a long range building program which, when completed, will call for an entire new church plant, with the expenditure of some \$150,000. Things are really looking good. We are greatly encouraged.

Incidentally, you are not the only preacher who can fly an airplane. We really bought the airplane, and I am having a time flying it. I am planning to leave tomorrow in the plane for the Southern Baptist Convention. Hope to see you there.”

VIII

Recently we have had occasion to be in two hospitals, large ones in Jackson and New Orleans. We heard the cries of babies, the groans of the suffering, the labored breathing of the dying.

Someone said “the good frequently suffer a great deal.” Paul suffered—he was mighty good. Jesus suffered—He was sinless! Isaiah 53. Job suffered—the best man of his day. Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, the three friends of Job, thought him a sinner, liar, and hypocrite. God said of him “a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God and turns away from evil.” Yet, he suffered a great deal—God’s Exhibit A—the sort of timber God grows—the sort of godly character God produces. Suffering is the storm, the stress that puts strength in the fiber of the being. Read Hebrews 11:32-40. I Peter 1:3-9.

Eliphaz had one religious experience of some kind—he was thus finished in his own thinking. No growth, no more progress necessary! Poor Job had no such experience; therefore, he must listen to the prattling of Eliphaz. However, Job remains to bless the world. Who has ever been blessed by an Eliphaz.

Bildad lets Job know he is a hypocrite—everybody is wrong but Bildad. We have an occasional Bildad with us today! He knows some smart sayings and uses them in volume. Job remains to bless! Bildads but burn!

Zophar thinks he knows the last word about God—he alone is right in the first and last analysis. He reads the riot act to Job. However, Job lingers as a benediction while Zophar is as a hot desert storm.

IX

We have never ridden a “gravvy train.” Have you? We have ridden a cog train, cable train, log train, freight train, electric train, passenger train, the stream liner. The Panama Limited of the Illinois Central is our favorite, and we have ridden them from coast to coast, and from Mexico to Canada. The most peculiar locomotion ever used was a camel in Egypt. Every community should keep a camel for the folks to ride.

Once at the Fair in Jackson we rode an elephant! We have ridden in a wagon, buggy, jinrikisha, and boat. By the way, did you know the jinrikisha was invented by a Missionary with an invalid wife?

We love the whirl and the hum of an automobile. We love an auto like a cowboy loves his horse. We always hope to have an automobile.

We have piloted a plane in pretty weather with beauty beneath, above, and about. We have piloted it for miles alongside banked black clouds as we went around the rain storm.

These are not the most important things of life tho almost everything to thoughtless ones. Jesus never rode but once and that was in no gilded carriage but atop a donkey.

The most important facts about travel in life are: “I am the way” says Jesus in John 14:6. “Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.” Jeremiah 6:16.

We have travelled with and without guides, but we had best not go along without this one, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19.

Where will the journey end is more important than when it will end! “In my Father’s house are many mansions.” John 14:1-6.

CARTHAGE: Lawson Cooke, southwide secretary of The Baptist Brotherhood is to be the speaker in a Laymen’s Revival at Carthage, May 25-28. The special meeting originally planned for January was postponed because of weather conditions at that time.

W. J. McMullan, church clerk of Midway Church, Newton county, recently sent a renewal list of 18 names. Such lists help the Baptist Record circulation to grow.

Dr. G. Ward Fenley, editor of the “Baptist New Mexican,” has been appointed head of the public information service for the University of New Mexico.

King George VI has summoned the British to a national day of prayer on July 6 to “humble prayer and sincere dedication to Almighty God.” Church leaders have called all citizens to return to the standards of the Ten Commandments and of Christ’s teachings, to repent of irreligion and to turn to God in prayer.

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The Convention

The People

The Convention which met in St. Louis May 7-11 was the most largely attended Convention in the history of Southern Baptists. The people were there. The large churches, the small churches, were represented. The little preachers, the "big" preachers were there. Messengers, men and women of all classes met and mingled.

The program was slightly different from the "usual" program. Several inspirational speakers had parts on the program.

It was noticeable that a large majority of the messengers were pastors.

Most messengers will long remember the address of Hon. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1948. He went out of his way to state that he did not agree with the unanimous action of the Convention in condemning free bus transportation for Catholic schools and the continued presence of Myron C. Taylor at the Vatican. In our opinion this was a bid for Northern Catholic votes. He knew the South would vote Democratic.

A well-prepared program had been planned and committee chairman, Dr. John W. Raley of Oklahoma, saw to it that the program was followed.

The Peaks

There were few mountain top experiences. The Convention started and continued smoothly with only one or two instances of parliamentary dickering.

We list below what seemed to us to be the peaks.

1. The Convention is becoming radio-minded and greater use of this powerful instrument will be made in the future.

2. President Newton's address was a warning concerning the step by step program which is breaking down the separation of church and state. He also warned us about the stifling effect of debt and was

enthusiastically applauded for his reference to religious liberty.

3. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church, Dallas, set a high standard for future Convention preachers. Baptists love and appreciate good, gospel preaching, and Dr. Criswell's sermon was just that.

4. As he always does, Dr. R. G. Lee's sermon lifted his hearers into the third heaven. Never to have heard Dr. Lee is to have missed one of the better things of life.

5. The need of and the determination to emphasize evangelism was the scarlet cord woven into the whole Convention.

6. Tithing was emphasized and none who heard him will ever forget how forcefully Dr. Duke K. McCall presented the tithing program.

7. Not only was the attendance the best ever, but the attendance at each session was exceptional. Hour by hour and day by day the people were present. All were agreed that the messengers worked hard and long at the tasks for which they were sent by their churches.

8. Even though the hour was late in the afternoon and the messengers tired, Evangelist Charles F. Taylor gave a great climax on "The Future of Mass Evangelism" which made the heart of every preacher "burn within" to go right out and start proclaiming the Gospel of Grace with a new zeal.

9. Dr. Ellis Fuller's address on Seminary Education was a masterpiece.

The Prospects

1. The trial tithing campaign should bring in many more dollars and enlist large numbers of tithers.

2. With no divisive movements, Southern Baptists face the future with bright hopes and strengthened faith. As they look to the coming years they are united for the promotion of all that Christ commanded.

As Dr. Louie D. Newton said, "Southern Baptists believe in 'the faith which was once delivered to the saints'" (Jude 3). In every utterance, in every written report, in every personal testimony, I heard but one emphasis—unquestioning belief in the doctrines of the Book. This Unity of Conviction, so wholesomely reflected at St. Louis, would, I fancy, make glad the hearts of Dr. E. C. Dargan, who gave us "What Baptists Believe," Dr. George McDaniel who gave us "The People Called Baptists," Dr. J. B. Gambrell who gave us "Baptists and Their Business," and all the other cherished leaders of Southern Baptist life, dead and living. We have a reason for the faith that is in us.

"Southern Baptists are united

in the inclusive and encompassing purpose "to make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). We are united in the purpose to preach and teach and heal, in His name, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost. This Unity of Purpose was reflected at St. Louis in every word in every report and speech on missions, benevolence, and education. We have but one intention—to do his blessed will.

"Southern Baptists are united in Methods by which we may express our Convictions and Purpose. The Co-operative Program grows steadily into the life of Southern Baptists as a simple, sane, and Scriptural Method of carrying on the work of the Kingdom of God. Our People believe in it and they will support it prayerfully and faithfully and unitedly. Tithing has been lifted up as a Method of re-enforcing our work in the local churches and in the state and Southwide ministries of our denomination. Evangelism, always the chief concern of Baptists, is our Method of reaching the individual, and winning the lost everywhere to the Savior. Yes, Southern Baptists are united in Conviction, Purpose, and Method—"workers together with Him."

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Must Be Answered

In a letter the Editor received from a pastor recently, there was a question asked which must be answered. It regards the place where one will spend eternity. From this letter we will quote some of the thoughts that impress upon all of us the necessity of selecting our place, and answering the question correctly.

The idea was brought to his mind by the questioning of a small lad regarding where his grandfather had gone, when Death had entered the home and the child no longer saw his beloved grandfather. Said the pastor, "As long as we are young and in perfect health, we drift along in hope that we may be ready when death comes. But when the time comes to go, we are going to need somewhere to go. . . . Life is like a stream. We travel up it in service for the Master, or we drift downstream toward destruction. . . . Where will you spend eternity? . . . Not where you are now. . . . I am the way, the truth, the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me." (John 14:6)

... The question cannot be dodged. If you wait until eternity to settle this question, death will have settled it already. Do not let Satan deceive you into putting off your salvation. Repent and trust Jesus. (Mark 1:15) Christ alone makes the difference."

We believe these words carry

great weight. The question must be answered. "Where will you spend eternity?" The answer must be made in this life.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, owner and publisher of a string of newspapers and magazines that have prospered without liquor advertising, has introduced a bill in Congress (S. 265) which would "prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of alcoholic beverages, and make it unlawful for any distiller, brewer, manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer, or for the agent of any of them engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages to cause to be transported in the mails or otherwise from any state or territory or the District of Columbia to any other state or territory or the District of Columbia any newspaper, periodical, news reel, photographic films, or record for mechanical reproduction advertising alcoholic beverages."

The bill would further prohibit "any publisher or for the agent of any publisher to cause to be transported in the mails or otherwise . . . any newspaper, or periodical . . . advertising alcoholic beverages or containing the solicitation of an order for alcoholic beverages."

This bill would make it "unlawful for any common carrier or for any private carrier for hire to transport . . . any newspaper, or periodical . . . advertising alcoholic beverages or containing the solicitation of an order for alcoholic beverages."

The bill further prohibits "any radio station for which a license is required by law of the United States, or for any person operating any such station, to permit the broadcasting of any advertisement of alcoholic beverages or the solicitation of an order for alcoholic beverages."

We insist that Mr. Capper has sponsored a bill which should receive the backing of every good citizen who believes that the interest of our nation is protected and safeguarded by the youths of the nation from the subtle and insidious efforts now being made to make beer guzzlers out of us all. Those of us who do not drink and who are striving to keep our children from becoming drunkards certainly have a right to call for protection against having our homes invaded by peddlers of poison, every time we turn on a radio or open a magazine.

We need more men in Congress of the caliber of Senator Capper who have sense enough or moral stamina enough to stand up and fight against the evils of intoxicating beverages.—BAPTIST STANDARD

—BR—

Pastor A. H. Childress conducted the revival services at Dundee the week of May 4-9. School children were permitted to attend the morning services by Professor Baldwyn. The Methodists cooperated and their pastor, R. G. Meaders, was faithful in attendance upon the services. There were five professions of faith and two additions by letter. Pastor Childress has only recently gone to this field from Coffeeville.

Miss. Lady Makes Another Plea For Seminary Nursery

Realizing the need of a nursery building at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, so that the more than 200 couples who have small children may avail themselves of classes, a friend of children and of the Seminary makes another plea in their behalf.

Many students and their families are living in crowded rooms, some in trailer houses, and the children do not have space needed for outdoor exercise.

A nursery building with a Christian matron in charge would provide room and equipment for these small children below school age. Wives of Seminary students need and want to study along with their husbands. A place to leave the small children would make this possible.

Contributions, one in the amount of \$1,000, have already been sent to President Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville, Kentucky. The goal of this friend in Mississippi, who wishes her name withheld, is to provide this nursery building by mid-term of 1948. She writes that a pint jar of nickels will buy a \$25 bond. As you give, provide the opportunity for others in your family, yes, the children, to give toward this worthy enterprise.

The "Lady from Mississippi" also writes, "This would be a worthy tribute for Father's Day".

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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY GRADUATES 187

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, graduated 187 students at its May 2 exercises. This constitutes the largest class in the history of the seminary.

Southwestern enrolled a total of 1376 students during the past year and from every viewpoint this has been the seminary's most successful year. Crowded classrooms and dormitories hindered its progress to a great degree, but the Lord gave His blessings upon the work in a most marvelous way. More adequate teaching facilities and dormitory space is sorely needed.

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A Tithing Testimony

"Four years ago my husband suffered a stroke of paralysis and when I got him home from the hospital and had a chance to look into my financial affairs I found that I was about sixty dollars behind with my tithe. I did not see how I could make that up but I did and, although he has been bed-ridden and helpless most of the time, I have kept up my tithe and I have more money in the bank than at any time in my life."

She works in a bank during the day and waits on her husband at night, while her sister and a negro woman do the housework and care for him during the day. For over four years she has gotten up from three to five times each night to wait on him. Her sister has not slept away from the home one night, so far as I know, during that time: except possibly for the time he was in the hospital. It is one of the finest demonstrations of Christian fidelity I have ever known. Fortunately neither of the women have been seriously sick during that time.

The bank gave her a substantial bonus at Christmas. All this goes to show that the Lord blesses those who unselfishly tithe.



MISS JEWEL COLE

Miss Jewel Cole, newly elected President of the Women's Student Government Association of Mississippi College at Clinton for the session of 1947-48. Miss Cole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cole of Charleston, Mississippi.

Meridian Choir Has An Active Program

The choir of the First Baptist church of Meridian, under W. S. Hulbun, director, and Mrs. V. E. Bosarge, organist, is active in the music life of the church and community. They are the first state choir to federate with the National Federation of Music Clubs. Monthly business supper meetings are held. Members range from 17 to 60 in age, with 40 enrolled. A. L. Cobb is president, and Mrs. E. L. Summer is publicity chairman.

Private voice lessons are given choir members desiring them, and weekly classes in sight reading and music appreciation are held. Prayer precedes all rehearsals, and performances, stressed by the leaders seeking to enrich the spiritual ministry of the choir.

At Easter a cantata was given, at Christmas, special music was enjoyed, and the group serves in radio programs on Sunday afternoons. The girls' quartet has been honored repeatedly. They sang on the State Federation of Music Clubs program in Hattiesburg. During music week an evening program of secular music was arranged. Dr. N. W. Cox, pastor, appreciates his music department.

—BR—

Miss Margaret Ray, who recently resigned as Church Secretary of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, to accept a position as secretary to Dr. R. Q. Leavell at New Orleans Seminary has reconsidered and will remain at Main Street Church.

Officers for the Voluntary Mission Band of Mississippi College for 1947-48 have been elected and installed. They are: Joe Cooper, president; Bobby Simmons, vice-president; Frank Hart Smith, program chairman; Frances McCullough, secretary-treasurer; Glenn Merrill, chorister; Agnes Matthews, pianist; Ruth Dickerson, reporter; Richmond Hancock, chairman of County Jail; Eugene Fleming, chairman of Old Men's Home; Bob Gwin, chairman of Polio Clinic; Dick Price, chairman of City Jail; James Merritt, chairman of Old Ladies' Home.

Anna M. Jarvis, originator of the Mother's Day idea in 1907, still lives in West Chester, Pa. Blind and deaf, the 83-year-old lady regrets that the day she started to honor her own mother has been commercialized.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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120 TO RIDGECREST

At this writing, 120 BSUers from Mississippi have sent in their dollar registration fees for Student Week at Ridgecrest. We now have 95 places left in our quota of 215. If you want to go, you had better send in that dollar right away. These places will be given to the first 95 whose dollars are received. Final and absolute deadline for registration is May 30th. All registration fees must be in this office by that date.

We still have 103 spaces left on the three Tri-State buses engaged for the trip. These will be apportioned in the order that round trip fares of \$20 each are received in this office. Final deadline on bus transportation is June 7.

CORRINNE TO HAWAII

Our Mississippi BSU, in conjunction with the Southwide Department and the Foreign Mission Board, is sending a missionary to the Hawaiian Islands this summer. She is Corrinne Griffin, Laurel, senior and outgoing BSU President at Blue Mountain. Let us be praying for Corrinne as she and other students from our Southern states witness for Christ as they do Vacation Bible School work in that

TEMPTATION

By C. J. Kennedy
Ass't. County Agent, Sharkey County

Temptations, like the poor, will always be with us. Every man is subjected to the influence of temptation and too few of us seem aware of the danger. The offensive weapon we need is the one which Jesus, Himself, used—"the sword of the Spirit". In the fight against evil there are several things which will help: (1) we must be motivated by some high ideal; some great objective in life. (2) we must take time out for Bible reading and study with prayer as a part of the life of each individual. Every person must be careful of his associates who might exert the wrong influence. (4) Regular worship, in church, must not be neglected. (5) The will power must be exercised. It does not profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Every living thing must be defended if it grows, develops and reaches maturity. The soul, too, must

needy part of the world. Corrinne was chosen among eight volunteers for this work by a committee composed of one local BSU Secretary and four State BSU Council members, none of whom were from a campus represented by any one of the volunteers.

Peregrinations

Belhaven's Installation of new Executive Council members, held at First Church, Jackson, was very impressive. Mrs. Chas. Dean gave the charge to each member and Mr. Owen Cooper brought the message. A few days later, I had the privilege of observing the good mission work some of the ladies in our church are doing every Saturday morning. They need more help, however. Then I attempted to fill my brother's shoes in his pulpit at 15th Ave., Church, Meridian, for both services on a Sunday. His people were very cordial and gracious. The next day, Eva Lois and I stopped by for a short chat with Louie Farmer at Clarke College, and two nights later I tried to tell the folks at Daniels church of our work. Pastor C. S. Thomas and his people were very kind.

throw out its protective powers if it is to survive and mature. The crown of life is to reach maturity through growth. There are so many influences and tendencies to drag down that we have too many dwarfed lives that are unhappy and are not living at their best. We must put on "the whole armour of God".

—BR—

THE MAKING OF A PREACHER by Dr. William Malcolm MacGregor, beloved minister and professor who understood the spiritual struggles of his students is the compilation of a series of lectures given at Glasgow University. Dr. MacGregor omits the technique of preaching, and give no hints as to oratory or rhetoric, but he does show why a knowledge of God and of man is an absolute necessity for the preacher who is devoted with his whole heart and mind to the high objective of the ministry. The author held the chair of New Testament in Glasgow's (Scotland) Trinity College for sixteen years and was Principal of the college from 1928-38. Order from the Westminster Press or from the Baptist Book Store for \$1.00.

Help All Causes of Christ Through the Co-operative Program!

State Missions is an essential in the work of Christ. **Acts 1:8. If State Missions continues its great ministry it must receive large monies through the Co-operative Program.**

Our 1947 GOAL—\$1,000,000 through the Co-operative Program from Mississippi Baptists!

— Woman's Missionary Union —

President—Mrs. Whima B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S.B.C.

Theme

The theme of the Convention, "O Zion Haste", called us to remember the urgency of the gospel and to remember that for 40 years Y.W.A.'s have used this song as a special challenge to their hearts and lives.

Opening Session

The opening session of the Annual meeting featured the Ruby Anniversary of both Young Woman's Auxiliary and the W.M.U. Training School. Young women in various walks of life testified to the value of Y.W.A. in their lives. A procession of almost 200 graduates of the Training School represented the hosts of graduates who have entered every field of Christian witnessing.

"Lengthen—Strengthen"

Dr. J. B. McLaurin, Executive Secretary Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Toronto, Canada, gave in vivid manner his impressions gained from six months visiting in India, Burma and China. The two messages emphasized the need for lengthening our cords—reaching further and of strengthening our stakes in already occupied fields.

"Action! Now!"

Judge Camille Kelley, of the Juvenile court in Memphis spoke with clarity and conviction concerning need for positive guidance and loving restraint of our youth of today.

"Publish Glad Tidings—Tidings of Redemption"

Missionary representatives of China, Brazil, Palestine, Africa, Illinois and New Mexico spoke concerning progress of the gospel message in their fields and of needs around the world.

President Shanghai University Speaks

One of the most heartening messages of the convention was brought by Pres. Henry H. Lin, University of Shanghai. He has served his government in many capacities—probably most effectively as head of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. President Lin is an Alumnus of Shanghai University and led the Alumni in operating the University during the war period. The Trustees of the University asked their illustrious alumnus to return to the University as its president. One of the missionaries said, "Henry, during the war you made money for your country now you should help make men for the nation." It was a hard decision but the Lord led and today Baptists have this splendidly trained, widely experienced, deeply devoted young man as the leading educator in our mission program in China.

President's Message

Mrs. George R. Martin brought with conviction an impassioned appeal to a more courageous, consistent participation in missions.

"Tidings of Peace"

Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Washington, D.C. brought a forceful message on the Christian's responsibility in building for peace. Dr. Louie D. Newton, President of S.B.C. spoke on "A World Fellowship," linking together women of everyland with the women of the southland in this great Christian Fellowship.

The Missionary Incentive

"The love of Christ is the dynamic of our efforts and the adequacy of Jesus is the guarantee of your en-

deavor", said Dr. Ryland Knight speaker on this subject.

It Costs To Be A Christian

The climax message of the Annual meeting, brought by Rev. Vernon Richardson, Baltimore, Md., gave us pause for thought and action.

"It costs to be anything."

"We must vie up some things if we want to have other things."

"If we would have some values in life we must vie up others to achieve them."

"The point of His extreme sacrifice is to be counted as the beginning of His service—so for us."

"It is entirely possible that our churches must become smaller if they become stronger."

"How about your resources? The severity of the cost is relative to your resources."

"Count the cost! Yes—but count the Christ!"

"If He can count on us for the commitment—we can count on Him for the completion."

"Sin has its price too, think of what it costs not to be a Christian." New Appointees of Foreign Mission

Board Presented

A majority of the 56 recent appointees were present. Mississippi Baptists rejoice that 7 of these are graduates of Blue Mountain College and 5 of Mississippi College. Of the 3 who spoke at the Annual meeting, two of them were graduates of Blue Mountain, Theresa Anderson, appointee to China and Mrs. Orelene Ellis McGlamery, appointee to Latin America. These young women thrilled our hearts and then challenged our lives to a more purposeful dedication to proclaiming salvation through Christ Jesus.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board led the dedicatory prayer, dedicating the appointees to the task whereunto God has called them. Surely each in her own heart dedicated herself to a fresh consecration of heart and hand to God and His purpose in and through us.

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Two prominent Southern Baptist pastors, R. C. Howard, Oklahoma City, and John A. Davison, Selma, Alabama, died last week.



BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 10—The above picture includes likenesses of five Blue Mountain College girls who were appointed to the mission fields by the Foreign Mission Board recently. Left to right: Nella Dean Mitchell, Louisville; Zelma Van Osdol, Pascagoula; Rowena Gunter Falwell, Sallis; Mary Lee Trenor Askew, Sardis; Theresa Anderson, New Orleans, La.

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Work Grows At Foxworth; Eight Classes Added

The Sunday School of the Foxworth Baptist Church has shown a remarkable growth during the past twelve months.

The enrollment on the first Sunday in May 1946 was 150 with an attendance of 73. Today the enrollment is 257 with an attendance of 141.

Sunday School Superintendent R. E. Abernathy reports that they now have a graded Sunday School with eight new classes and an extension department with an enrollment of 13.

Since the completion of the annex, there is a separate assembly for Intermediate, and Juniors with a Department Superintendent in charge.

Two study courses have been held with a majority of teachers participating. The Pastor, Rev. E. L. Howell, recently taught "Building a Standard Sunday School", and "How To Win To Christ".

Weekly officers and teachers meetings are held with good attendance.

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When the Catholic Church was destroyed in the recent tornado at Woodward, Oklahoma, the Presbyterians made their building available for worship.



Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary

AUSTIN WILLIAMS TO ENTER SCHOOL

It is with regret that we lose our State Music Field Worker, Austin Williams. Mr. Williams is entering school for further study under the G.I. Bill. He has done good work and has a large number of schools scheduled. We will be able to take care of the schools with other teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will leave about June 1. He will fill all engagements up to that date.

NEW TRACT READY

We have a new music tract ready for distribution. The title is "Developing a Church Music Program". It will be mailed to all church musicians in our files.

ASSOCIATIONAL HYMN PLAYING

The Associational Hymn Playing contests were supposed to be held last Sunday, May 18. If for any reason yours was not held please notify our office at once.

ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION ENSEMBLES

The Associational Training Union meetings in May is the place for the Ensemble contests. Please let us know if there is any question about these contests.

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

1. Having a quarterly musical program in your church?
2. Junior Choir Anthem books, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 by John Holler?
3. Having a School of Music for your church? Use summer field workers.
4. Using a Song Sermon when your pastor is away? We can furnish a copy for you if needed.

SEND YOUR MUSICIANS

Our State Leadership Music Conference begins June 29. The big Rally on Sunday afternoon will be at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. Five days of intense music training under eight great musicians will close on July 4.

In this Conference we will have teachers who can teach and challenge the best musicians of our state. We will have something for the musicians who are just beginning.

Each church should send their Director and Pianist. Homes will be furnished for all. A fee of \$6 covers music and registration. All class work is free.

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According to Rev. G. L. Taylor, pastor of Agricola Church, George county, the recent observance of Youth Week there was great interest manifested. The young people were unusually interested and activities reflected their general interest in the life of the church, while the interest and cooperation of the older members revealed their interest in the young people and their activities.

Pastor Norman W. Cox of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, had a busy day last Sunday. He preached in his own pulpit at the morning services. He preached the baccalaureate sermon for Mississippi State College at Starkville at 3 p.m. and at 8 o'clock he preached the commencement sermon for the East Mississippi Junior College at Decatur.

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BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(1) Juniors, (2) All Others
 Sun. (1) Acts 2:37-47 (2) Deut. 10: 19-22
 Mon. (1) Acts 8:30-40 (2) Psm. 2:1-8
 Tu. (1) 1 Cor. 11:23-24 (2) Jonah 3
 Wed. (1) Heb. 10:16-25 (2) Jonah 4
 Th. (1) I Tim. 4:8-16 (2) Luke 14: 16-24
 Fri. (1) Acts 1:4-11 (2) Acts 8:35-39
 Sat. S.S. Lessons

He had come to age fifty, and proudly lays the last note on borrowed money on the table before his family and declares, "I have paid the last penny I owe! I am out of debt." But was he? His total salary income for the past thirty years was \$60,000.00 He was looked upon as a "good giver" by the church. His offerings had averaged ten dollars a month, a total of \$3,600.00 for the thirty years, a bit more than half the tithe. A little arithmetic reveals that with one creditor, the one who should be the preferred creditor, he is no less than \$2,400.00 in arrears.

HINDS-WARREN MEETS BY GROUPS

The second quarter the Hinds-Warren Associational Training Union met by groups. Mrs. C. W. McGehee reporting for Group Three writes that they had a very successful meeting at Raymond March 30th. Learned Training Union was awarded the Attendance Banner. The music for the meeting was unique in that each church in the group was represented with a special musical number. Dorothy Finch of the Siwel church brought an interesting message on "What We Got Out of Youth Week". David Mayhall, a Mississippi College Ministerial student, brought a devotional message using as his subject "The Bible, the Word of God". Four pastors were in attendance.

NESHOBIA ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Kenneth G. Hall reporting for the Neshoba County Training Union Enlargement Campaign says it was bet-

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ter than they expected it to be. Between four and five hundred awards were issued. There were sixteen churches that participated in the program. Each with the exception of one had an outside worker to lead in the work for the week, and Brother Hall says that these outside workers all "DID A GOOD JOB". Brother Hall believes that such a campaign has merit in that it not only strengthens the individual church but brings about an associational fraternal spirit that makes for greater Kingdom progress.

As this issue of the Record goes out, the Jackson Co. churches are gathering for an associational meeting in which newly elected Associational Director, Wallace Harrell will lead in setting up a calendar of activities for the rest of this year. One activity already planned is a Leadership School set for the second week in August. The leaders from every church in the county are expected to attend the classes to be held at First Pascagoula August 11-15.

PROGRAM 1947 District Convention

Afternoon

1:30—Christian Fellowship
 1:45—Worship in Song
 2:00—Keynote Address
 2:15—Story Hour Bible Stories
 2:30—Junior Memory Work
 2:45—Sectional Conferences
 (a) General Officers
 (b) Adults (c) Young People
 (d) Intermediates (e) Juniors
 (f) Story Hour
 4:00—Just For Fun! ! !
 4:30—It's In The Bag? ? ?
 4:40—Adult-Human Interest Stories
 5:10—Committees appointed, Awards presented, Offering
 5:30—Adjourn for recess and supper
 Evening—Youth Session
 7:00—Worship in Song
 7:15—Intermediate Sword Drill
 7:30—Training Union Ensembles
 8:00—Young People's Speaking
 8:20—Report of Committees
 8:30—Adjournment

Where the meetings are being held

	June
Ecru	2
Plantersville	3
1st Columbus	4
Noxapater	5
Hickory	6
Beaumont	9
1st Hattiesburg	10
Prentiss	11
1st Natchez	12
Clinton	13
Morton	16
Lexington	17
Linn	18
Duck Hill	19
Batesville	20
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The First Baptist Church, Gulfport, experienced a great revival the week of April 27-May 4. Pastor Joe T. Odle did the preaching and Ray Duckworth, Education and Music Director of the First Baptist Church, Seminole, Okla., had charge of the music. There were 62 additions to the church, 32 of them by letter. This brings the total number of additions since pastor Odle went to the field on Feb. 15, to 136. An unusual feature of the meeting was the more than two hundred average attendance at the morning services which were held at 7 o'clock.

Department Of Temperance Activities

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Through the work of the Christian Citizens League of Oktibbeha County we had the unusual opportunity of speaking six times in their county May 2-4 as follows: Sturgis, Friday night; Court House rally, Saturday afternoon; Self Creek School House rally, Saturday night; Starkville First Church, Sunday morning; Curtis Chapel, Sunday afternoon; and Maben, Sunday night. We had a great time in these services and believe that the results will be far reaching.

The week-end of May 11 was spent on the coast with several helpful contacts. We had the unusual privilege of supplying for Brother M. S. Var-

nado, Calvary Church of Pascagoula, morning and night. The house was filled almost to capacity for both services. This is certainly a great Church and the response was most commendable.

Many Christian people throughout our state are hoping and praying for better law enforcement and for the suppression of crime. If we are to improve the situation for the coming four years, we need to organize quickly. Through the Christian Citizens Leagues we have opportunity to do something about it. If there is not one in your county, we shall be glad to assist in such organization if desired.

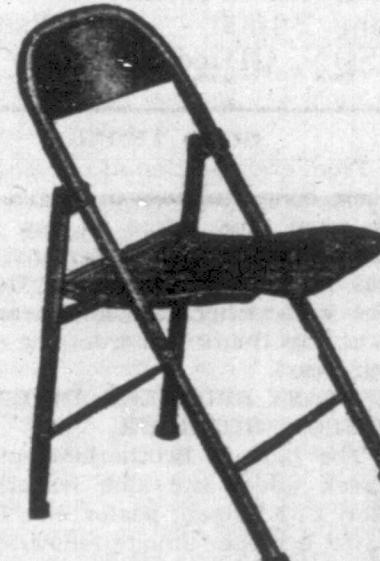
A gospel ministry by mail to deaf people (those who neither speak nor hear) in the United States and Canada is carried on by a Christian brother in Minneapolis, Mr. Julius K. Hoffman. His mailing list now includes 10,000 names. There are about 125,000 deaf people in the United States and Canada. Mr. Hoffmann, deaf himself, has a real burden for the deaf and writes letters or sends free tracts and gospel literature to those not reached through the churches. Any reader knowing deaf people who would be open to such a ministry is invited to send their names and addresses to Mr. Hoffmann at Post Office Box 1097, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota. He also requests the prayers of Christian people.

Miss Jettie Paschall of Tchula recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Record. Friends like that help circulation.

A series of Evangelistic Services will be held in the Brandon Church, June 1-16. Dr. W. A. Sullivan of First Church, Natchez, will do the preaching.—E. N. Sullivan, pastor.

OUR FATHER by Alexander McLaren is a devotional study on The Lord's Prayer and is one of a series of Home Devotional Library, cloth bound, which sells for \$1.00. This book is an exposition on the model prayer. Christ's meaning is deeper than formalism or an example. The Lord's Prayer contains all the elements of prayer in concentrated form. It contains God's relation to man, man's to God and his fellows, the foundation stones of Christian theology, morals, society and politics. No man can exhaust it and it will not be outgrown in Heaven. Written by one who served as a minister for more than fifty years and the author of "Exposition of the Holy Scriptures" Dr. McLaren says "I have always found that my own comfort and efficiency have been in direct proportion to the frequency and depth of daily communion with God. The secret of success in everything is trust in God and hard work". Order from Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store.

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CRANFORD GOES TO IUKA

Rev. Jack Cranford, Jr., for the two years pastor at Raleigh, resigned that church and accepted the work at Iuka.

During his pastorate at Raleigh nearly 200 people were added to the church, most of them by profession of faith.

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ASK CHURCH-MINDED FARM SPECIALIST FOR NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH, N. C. —(RNS)— On the theory that the rural church promotes better farming and better farming promotes the rural church, the Agricultural Extension Service of North Carolina State College has asked the State Legislature to appropriate funds for a church-minded extension specialist to work with country churches in improving farming in the state.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the service, pointed out that the interests of agriculture and the rural church are so closely connected that prosperous farming communities can be found wherever there is an influential and prosperous church, and vice versa.

THE BIBLE

As we walk along life's highways,
Alone by ourselves each day
We find the Bible is useful
And helpful in every way.

Its words are beautiful and, no matter In what language they may be, They are useful to people in America And to people across the sea.

Its words also tell of all the great men, Who lived and gave their lives for Him, They were stoned within the walls of the cities, They were beaten by men of old, But they kept right on trusting in Jesus, Because they believed in the things which He told.

Jesus spoke often of the Heavely Land, How beautiful it is going to be He said they were preparing a place in Heaven, For people like you and me.

So you see how wonderful it is to be a Christian, And learn God's precious word Let's try, people of America To make this a Christian world.

—OUIDA HEMPHILL

—BR—

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 10 — Miss Elizabeth Smith, Blue Mountain, has been elected president of the Athletic Association of Blue Mountain College for 1947-48. Other officers are: vice-president, Jeannie Jones, Baldwyn; secretary, Kathrine Beatty, Jackson; treasurer, Ernestine Britt, Olive Branch; reporter, Marjorie Cox, Gulfport.

Coggan Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas, Rev. H. H. Hargrove, Mississippian, pastor, has closed a great revival in which there were 67 additions, 42 by baptism. Dr. C. B. Jackson, member of the evangelistic staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas did the preaching, and Steve Heather, a deacon of Coggan Avenue Church, led the singing.

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CENTER TERRACE BROTHERHOOD BUSY

The Center Terrace Baptist Brotherhood of Canton has launched a new program by dividing the Brotherhood into four groups. Three Thursday nights of a month the groups function as individual organizations. On the fourth Thursday night the groups meet together at the church. Three groups lead cottage prayer meetings in three different areas and the fourth group visits to enlist and to win to Christ. These groups rotate from prayer meetings to visitation, and from area to area.

Brother C. O. Estes, pastor of the Center Terrace Church, reports that on the first night of this program there were eighty-eight in cottage prayer meetings and two professions of faith.

It is planned for the W.M.S. to promote the cottage prayer meetings the one night the Brotherhood has its business and fellowship meeting at the church. Brother Percy Sullivan is president of this progressive Brotherhood.

GOOD TIDINGS

From every section of our state have come congratulatory messages. It will be some time before we can answer each message with a personal letter, but we take this means of thanking the well-wishers far and near. This is to say thank you from the deep of our heart.

CALVARY BROTHERHOOD HAS FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The Calvary Brotherhood of Silver Creek under the able leadership of Rev. C. E. Spain, pastor, has inaugurated a rather unique fellowship hour that met for the first time on May 11. It was our privilege to be present for this initial meeting. The group meets at 9:30 on Sunday morning, and they are served coffee, toast, jelly, etc. (Prepared on May 11 by Brother Spain), after which they simply have a good time until the Sunday School hour at ten o'clock. Twenty-nine fine Christian men attended this first meeting. John Riley assisted the pastor by keeping the registration and handing out scripture passage cards. The group plans to have a servant prepare this meal in the future.

A READER WRITES

Dear Sir:

It was misty and cold as we walked along the Hattiesburg streets last Saturday night. On the wet sidewalk sat a legless man. He was not begging, just trying to sell pencils. He certainly should have been in some hospital, so hard was he coughing. No one paid the slightest attention to him and my heart ached. The situation reminded me of the parable of the Good Samaritan only where was the Samaritan who was good? My tithe was in my church envelope and I know that 40 percent would go to the Cooperative program but would any part of it help the crippled folks of this state like the one of whom I write.

Jesus was a minister on this earth only about 3 years but He wasn't too busy preaching the Gospel to heal the sick and afflicted. Shouldn't we, as His followers, be the Good Samaritan and help such unfortunate? Is it right to put all or almost all the Cooperative Program money into the work of preaching and teaching and only such a small percentage practicing what we preach?

I believe at least 10 percent should go for an institution for the crippled people in our great state, deducting it from foreign missions or from other causes. If such a cause is added I believe that churches who are able, will add at least 5 percent or 10 percent to the Cooperative program. I would be grateful for an expression from Mississippi Baptists and suggest that they make known their opinions to such a matter through the columns of The Baptist Record.

Sincerely,

(Signed) MRS. MARVIN KASTROP.
918 Roby Street,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

—BR—

Dr. R. L. Powell of Tacoma, Washington, recently held a revival at First Church, Bastrop, Texas, where Rev. Paul Vercher is pastor. Dr. Powell, a former Mississippian, is well known in Texas as a former pastor of First Church, San Marcos, for 12 years. He has been in Tacoma since 1931 and is doing a marvelous work there.—Baptist Message. (Editor's Note: Dr. Powell is a native of Covington, county, Miss.)

CUBAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

By Alfred Carpenter

Baptists in the four western provinces of Cuba met in their 34th annual convention March 31 through April 5. It was their first meeting without Dr. M. N. McCall, who had been their president since organization of the work. Hearts were heavy because of his absence, yet there was an atmosphere of rededication to the work.

ADJUSTMENTS MADE

Many adjustments in the work were necessary. The Cuban brethren were wholeheartedly co-operative, and manifest a triumphant spirit. They are a capable group, grateful to Southern Baptists for making their work possible, and dedicated to the task of carrying forward the work so effectively promoted under Dr. McCall's leadership.

First two days, Monday and Tuesday, were given to ministers' conference, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday School, and Training Union. At all general sessions the auditorium of the Baptist Temple in Havana was packed to capacity. Fifty-six of their sixty-nine preachers attended the pastors' conference.

Ninety-one attended the Brotherhood meeting. Their first Brotherhood was organized in 1939. There are now nineteen.

At the first session of the Woman's Missionary Union 246 messengers were present. There are forty-eight societies in Cuba with one hundred and seven auxiliaries.

The Sunday School Convention announced three hundred and eighty-four messengers at first session. There are one hundred forty-nine Sunday schools with 8,600 enrolled. There are fifty-nine Training Unions with sixteen graded unions. Forty-three churches have one or more unions.

Each of the above gave triumphant reports of their work and adopted a forward, challenging program for the future.

ANNUAL REPORT

The building would not hold the first session of the convention. Many were turned away. The Friday night session was dedicated to the memory of Dr. McCall and a rededication service for Cuban Baptists.

The annual report showed 69 churches with 5,673 members, 119 mission stations, and 369 additions during the past convention year. The Cuban churches gave for all causes \$38,371.24. Their per capita giving is \$6.75.

In soul-winning it took sixteen Cubans to win one.

Their immediate need from Southern Baptists is our continued prayers. For the future their needs are: A pastor for the English church; a teacher in the seminary; a promotional field worker for W.M.U.; a music teacher in training school; a Cuban college and four faculty members; a Baptist book store; ten additional church buildings and six pastors' homes; increase in pastors' salaries; and twenty additional scholarships.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Herbert Caudill, eighteen years in Cuba, has been elected by the Home Mission Board as superintendent of the work. Rev. Van Earl Hughes is acting president of the seminary. A pastor for the Havana church has not been chosen. Dr. A. T. Bequer, pastor of a leading church, is president of the convention. Thus the several major positions left vacant by the home-going of Dr. McCall are filled.

A CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCHES

"What is the policy of this church? If you have a tithing deacon who puts in \$12.00 per Sunday, do you allow him to sit through both of the pastor's 30-minute sermons each Sunday, because he has paid at the rate of 20 cents per minute for the privilege of hearing those sermons? And then if you have a poor Junior boy who is the only Christian in a large, disinterested family, and who can contribute but 10 cents per week, do you order him out of the service during the first minute of the pastor's sermon on the grounds that his dime has paid for but half a minute, and that his time is therefore up?"

"Your indignant reply is: 'Certainly not! We want this lad to become informed and enlightened so that he may grow to be even more useful in life than this splendid contributing deacon!'"

"Well, I wonder why this church is not consistent! Why is it that you allow only the financially-able deacon to read the California Southern Baptist, Home Missions, and The Commission, while the lad is not permitted to know what his church is doing for and through state, home, and foreign missions? Didn't you know that for ten cents per month for the California Southern Baptist; for one and two-thirds cents per month for Southern Baptist Home Missions; and that for four and one-sixth cents per month for The Commission, or that for fifteen and five-sixth cents per month (less than the price of a package of gum each week) all three of these publications can be provided through your church budget for every family of your church? Do you want yours to be a partially-informed, slightly-missionary, below-the-average church? If not, why not put all three of these in the church budget for each family, and accept this dollar bill to apply on the first month's payment?"

It was during a recent school of missions in California that Home Mission Board Field Worker Fred A. McCaulley presented to the churches such a challenge, with the result that six churches voted to include all three publications in the budget.

Two other churches promised to take the matter up at the next regular monthly business meeting with the likelihood that both of them will join these ranks.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful blessing if every Baptist church in our Southern Baptist Zion would promote such a program of enlightenment so that every member of our great Baptist democracy could be an intelligently informed worker in our task of worldwide missionary endeavor?

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

The famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God", preached by Jonathan Edwards, July 8, 1741, has been reprinted by the Faith Publishers, Rev. L. W. Rogers, manager. Single copies may be obtained for 20 cents and six copies for \$1.00. The address is Hickory, Kentucky. Every Baptist needs to read this sermon.

The many Mississippi friends of Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of First Church, Shelby, North Carolina, will be interested to know that that church plans to raise \$50,000, immediately, \$25,000 for Gardner-Webb College and \$25,000 for Wake Forest College.

CARTHAGE: With special "Preaching Week" services to close the ministry of Dr. William Potter at Carthage Baptist Church, there were 12 additions to the church. By letter, 6; by profession of faith 6; one life reclaimed and 2 for dedicated service. The entire congregation honored pastor and family with a dinner on Friday night. The Potters left for their home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, early this week.

The Baptist Record has received a copy of a review of "Verities of the Gospel". This review was published in Charity and Children and was written by Rev. Barney Thamas of Trinity, Texas. This book has already been reviewed in the Baptist Record, but we are glad to quote from the review, "You will do well to get and read both 'Heartening Messages' and 'Verities of the Gospel', as you'll find in them the fine art of great and effective gospel preaching; and more, you'll find a wealth of many apt illustrations and valuable suggestions and helpful outlines to energize your soul and cause you to 'see' and 'feel' and 'preach' 'Verities of the Gospel'". The author of the book is Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of First Church, Shelby, North Carolina and former pastor at Clinton, Mississippi. The book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of a news item concerning the ordination of Rev. William H. Ross. The article is well written, but unsigned. It was mailed in New Orleans on May 15 and if the writer of this article will send us his name we will be glad to use the information. Each week the Baptist Record publishes a notice that it does not use unsigned articles. This policy has not been changed.

The Laurens, South Carolina, pastors conference, through a committee composed of C. P. Chastain, W. B. Bolt, J. H. Dart has sent resolutions concerning Rev. J. H. Kyzar, who recently resigned as pastor of First Church, Laurens, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Greenwood. The resolutions speak in highest terms of Pastor and Mrs. Kyzar and commend them to the Baptists of Mississippi.

White Oak Church doesn't do things by halves. A few weeks ago, the clerk, T. C. Woodward, whose address is Rt. 1, Crenshaw, sent a list of 18 names and then later sent six other names. Such lists as these and friends as these have helped the Baptist Record in its upward climb in circulation.

Rev. Chas. C. Magee, pastor of Taylor Church in LaFayette County, reports that his work is going good, and that the church is making progress. He speaks in highest terms of the weekly visits of the Baptist Record and says it is a help to the work.

Rev. T. E. Fant, who was recently ordained by Second Avenue Church, Laurel, is now a student at Clarke College, and has been called as pastor of Hebron church in Jones County, and Centerville Church in Jones County. He will live in the pastorage at Hebron in the summer and return to Clarke College in the fall, where he and his wife will resume their education.

JACKSON, Miss. —(RNS)— The Central Presbytery of Mississippi has adopted an overture urging that the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern) withdraw from the Federal Council of Churches, it was announced here following a meeting of Presbytery attended by 24 ministers and 36 elders from the district.

PATERSON, N. J. —(RNS)— A petition to the General Synod to withdraw the Reformed Church of America from the Federal Council of Churches will be submitted by the Classis of Passaic, which represents churches in the Paterson and Passaic, N. J., areas, when the Synod convenes in Holland, Michigan, on June 5.

OMAHA, Neb. —(RNS)— A movement to establish Christian day schools throughout the country was set in motion here by the National Association of Evangelicals, organization of conservative Protestants.

DARK ARE THE SHADOWS by Bernard Palmer, native of Nebraska and a writer of juvenile fiction and the book-length novel "Visibility Zero", is the story of Dennis Broman. Coming to know the Lord on an LST, the African campaign brought lack of confidence. Arrival home meant the beginning of a new life. Spiritual lethargy of his parents, cruelty of the curious about his limp, and his feeling of inferiority which menaced his plan for marriage cast their dark shadows. But God gave treasures of the darkness which make a man rich when he yields wholeheartedly to the Master. The road ahead was clear. Order from the publishers, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.25.

1946 Annual of the Arizona Baptist General Convention has been received by the Record office. The eighteenth annual session met with Calvary Church, Glendale, October 28-31 and the next session will meet with First Southern Church, Phoenix, October 4-6.

235 PRECIOUS POEMS is the title of a collection compiled by Evangelist Clifford L. Lewis. Topically arranged these poems will meet the needs of varied groups. The air of the author is that souls may be saved, Christians inspired and strengthened, shut-ins comforted and Christ glorified. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Bob Jones College. Since 1931 he has been a travelling evangelist, having visited all 48 states and Canada. In his around the world tour he visited 39 countries and travelled approximately 65,000 miles during 1937-39. The author has a large radio ministry, a tract work known as the Revival Prayer Band in Nashville and is editor of The Shield of Faith. The book may be ordered from the publishers Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$2.00.

CARTHAGE: Under the sponsorship of the W.M.U. the work on the playground has begun and the leveling of dirt has made for an attractive recreational center. Mrs. Julia Barnes, Jr., is president of the Carthage W.M.U. Plans for the playground include badminton and tennis courts; shuffleboard; barbecue pit; horse-shoes; swings and regulation playground equipment for the "toddlers".

Dr. Lee Eddleman, pastor of Parkland church in Louisville, Ky., writes enthusiastically of the recent revival at Webb church, of which Rev. Frank Campbell is pastor. The fine men of the community impressed the visitor. The devoted service of the pastor and his family was a challenge. Renewal of friendship with friends of former days, especially, Mrs. George Hightower, formerly his Sunday school teacher, added pleasure to the visit in Mississippi, his native state, said Dr. Eddleman. The excellent condition of the church indicates a great future in that section of the state, he added.

INTERMEDIATE DEPT. LUCEDALE CHURCH



BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. — May 6 — The spring number of the Mountain Breeze, student literary publication of Blue Mountain College, is off the press. Joyce Bolton, Henderson, Tenn., contributed a feature poem, "The Threshold." Miss Bolton also contributed three other poems—"Transcendence," "Ballet," and "Freshman's Lament." Floris Gore, Marks, contributed a fiction article, "Underweight," and two poems, "Sonnet" and "Realist." Other contributors and their contributions are as follows: Ardelle Bryan, Eads, Tenn., "For of Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven"; Barbara Ely, Itta Bena, "Life in the Mississippi Delta"; Betty Cooper, Ventura, Calif., "It Conquered Me!"; Margie Riddle, Brandon, "Uncle Nat" and "Song of the Wind"; Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine, "Episode"; Norma Jean John, Jefferson City, Mo., "A Dollar Ninety-five"; Dot Harris, Memphis, Tenn., "Ashes of Roses," "Madness," and "Orienteale"; Ruth Sterling, Jackson, "City Rain," and "Jamie's Prayer"; Corrine Griffin, Laurel, "Serenity"; and Patsy Clark, Paden, "In Cotton Rows."

MEMOIRS OF JOHN R. SAMPEY has just been released by the Broadman Press. Serving on the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, for more than 50 years Dr. Sampey's Memoirs also give a personal account of the growth and life of that great institution. The first chapter tells of his boyhood days in Alabama and his student days at Howard College. The remainder of the book deals with his life at the Seminary as a student, and later as a faculty member and president. As a member of the International Sunday School Lesson Committee from 1885 until 1942 Dr. Sampey had more to do with the organization of biblical material for study in Sunday schools than any other man. Dr. Sampey's zeal for lost souls was evidenced in his frequent revivals throughout the south. Dr. Sampey with the aid of his wife, wrote his Memoirs between 1942, when Dr. Fuller came to the presidency, and 1946, when his soul slipped away on August 18. Order directly from the publishers or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$2.50.

The Sunday School of Stronghope Church, Copiah County, is growing rapidly. This progress is marked by the purchase of new chairs, and tables for the class rooms, curtains for the windows and also a bulletin board, maps and pictures for the walls. An extra room has been provided for the young adults and a cabinet for the primary room. Two of the boys of the church made an attendance register for the church.

Stringer: Mothers of the community were honored in a special service on May 11. The pastor, Rev. S. E. Nix, brought the message.

The Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is offering two four-week terms in their summer school this year, May 26-June 20 and June 23-July 18. Students are allowed to enroll for either or both terms.

On Intermediate Day, April 27, the above picture was made of the Intermediate Sunday School Department of the Lucedale Baptist Church. Mrs. D. D. Larrimore is the superintendent of this department, and Mrs. J. A. Dorsett, Mrs. Marjorie Bailey, Mr. M. A. Eubanks, and Mr. Marshall Hollingshead are the teachers. There were 41 Intermediates in attendance on Intermediate Day.

At the Southwestern Seminary Alumni Breakfast, held in St. Louis, May 8, the following officers were elected to promote the alumni activities of the seminary for the coming year: Dr. W. R. White, Austin, Texas, president; Dr. Robert Naylor, Enid, Oklahoma, vice-president; and Miss Athlea Foster, Louisiana, Secretary-Treasurer.

BREAK O' DAWN And Other Poems is a collection by a medical doctor, A. A. Stuart. Many of the poems were composed while returning from emergency calls, when the busy doctor in his early practice among the woodsmen of Michigan was compelled to give his horse an easy drive home. Some of the poems have been in anthologies and newspapers. The author's deep love of nature is shown through the entire work, as is also shown his love of people of all ages, especially children. The poems will bring pleasure and delight to those who read them. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$2.00.

Professor Jesse Northcutt, head of the preaching department of Southwestern Seminary, received his Doctor of Theology degree from the seminary, May 2.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Mrs. Dana S. Millar, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Bush, Hopewell; Mrs. W. B. Hughes, Hopewell; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Rev. E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Rev. C. E. Smith, Hattiesburg; Chaplain (Major) Tilden S. McGee, Brandon; Rev. J. C. Goare, Slocumb, Alabama; Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Vicksburg; Dr. B. B. Hilburn, Florence; Richard Hilburn, Hattiesburg; William Lowrey Compere, Jr., Jackson; Dennis Burbanks, Fred Hanberry, Glen Ferguson, Bobby Hamilton, Bobby Collins, Baptist Orphanage, Jackson; Dr. Harry L. Spencer, Brownwood, Texas; C. C. Koskie, Jackson; Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter, McComb; Miss Mary Neil McRaney, Collins; Major and Mrs. L. R. Williams, Jr., and Rick, Washington, D. C.; Rev. E. N. Sullivan, Brandon; Rev. Clinton T. Howell, Jackson.

Rev. Lewis Byram of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, is a good friend of the Baptist Record for he recently sent in a list of 19 subscriptions for the Baptist Record. Such friends as that make life easier for Baptist Record folks.

New Hope Church, Leake County, has gone full time. Rev. H. P. McDonald is pastor.

ORGANIZATIONS REPORT GAINS TO ST. LOUIS CONVENTION
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may have relative to the correlating and co-ordinating of the organizations of our church.

The Committee on Preservation of Church History was abolished and this work turned over to the Historical Society. To make clear the duty and functions of the Society the following action was taken:

"That the Historical Society become the duly recognized agency of the Southern Baptist Convention for the collection and preservation of Baptist history, upon the condition that its new or amended charter provide for (1) the election of its directors by the Southern Baptist Convention in accord with the established policies of the Convention; (2) the budget to be set up and expended in accord with the business and financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention; (3) no amendment to the new or amended charter without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The State Papers

Dr. O. W. Taylor, editor of the Baptist and Reflector and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association had ten minutes to present the work of the State Papers, and Dr. Louie D. Newton had ten minutes to discuss the circulation of the Baptist papers. This was in contrast to the time given to the following subjects: Recognition of Fraternal Messengers, 30 minutes; Baptist Foundation, 30 minutes; Southern Baptist Hospital 30; Inter-Seminary Conference, 25; the three seminaries, 45; Report on correlation, 20; W.M.U. 30; Radio Committee, 30; Baptist Brotherhood, 30; Special Committee on Negro Work, 20; American Bible Society, 15; Commission to Cooperate with Returning Chaplains, 15.

Dr. Taylor reported that all the State Papers were growing in circulation and becoming more and more important in promoting Baptist affairs.

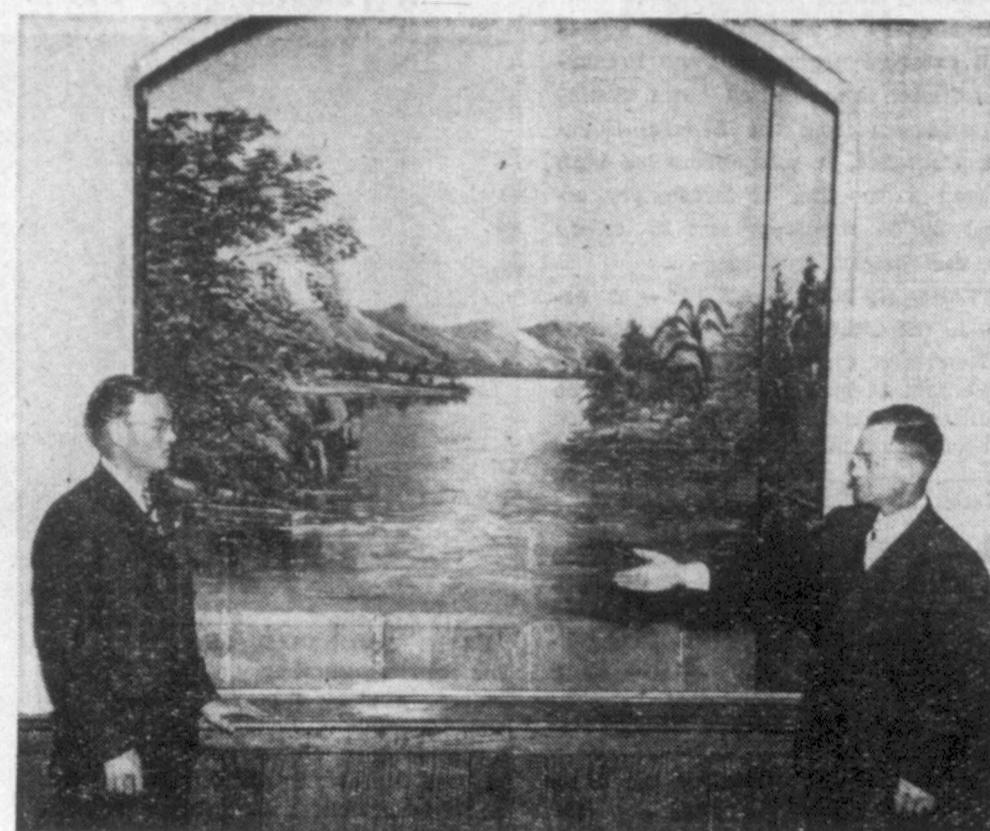
Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman of the committee to report on the Circulation of the State Papers said that the circulation had increased from 190,000 as reported at the Baltimore Convention in 1940 to approximately 750,000 as of May 1, 1947. He urged continued effort upon the part of all to increase the circulation of each state paper. Various leaders were called upon to express their opinion of the value of the State Papers to their work. They were unanimous in their praise. Editor's note: Some of these statements appear under the heading, "Convention Sidelights".

W.M.U. Gains

As usual the W.M.U. made a good presentation of their work and did it in a few minutes less than the time allotted. A digest of the W.M.U. report follows:

Last year shows a gain of 1,335 in a total of 54,934 mission study classes for W.M.U. organizations, almost equally divided among the women and young people. A combined circulation of 21,933,500 copies was achieved in 1946 by the four monthly W.M.U. publications: Royal Service for the women, The Window of Y.W.A., Ambassador Life, and World Comrades for the youth auxiliaries.

It is not a matter of surprise then that the 43,081 W.M.U. organizations contributed last year \$7,817,774 exclusive of the contributions for their local church work, which is an increase of \$1,300,452 over the 1945 receipts. Included in this amount is the Annie



Above we see Rev. J. E. Burnett, pastor of the Methodist church at Van Winkle, as he presented to Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor of the Baptist church, the handsome painting for the baptistry. This was in appreciation of the friendship and cooperation the Baptists extended the Methodist congregation in the community when they were seeking to build their church.

Armstrong offering for Home Missions amounting to \$529,047, the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions amounting to \$1,269,043, and a special offering of \$1,009,229 to World Relief and Rehabilitation.

Another explanation for these substantial offerings is found in the weeks of prayer for Home and Foreign Missions and the fact that 195,348 of the members are regular tithers. The goal for 1947 is 333,333 tithers, or one-third of the objective set for Southern Baptists.

Last year's report shows that 4,891 new W.M.U. organizations were added, of which 982 were for women. There are now 43,081 W.M.U. organizations, with a total enrollment of 767,521, of whom 420,592 are women. The remaining 346,929 are young people.

Newton Re-Elected

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Georgia, was unanimously re-elected president and Dr. D. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Church, St. Louis, and Dr. Thomas V. McCall, pastor of the First Church, Gainesville, Florida, were elected first and second vice-presidents. Porter W. Routh and Joe Burton, both of Nashville, Tenn., were reelected secretary and associate secretary, respectively, of the Convention.

At the request of the president of the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, a committee was appointed to discuss the common problems of the two Conventions. The Committee is composed of the following: W. R. White, Texas; B. O. Herring, California; George Ragland, Kentucky; B. A. Pugh, Illinois; Ryland Knight, Virginia.

Foreign Missions Presented

As always Foreign Mission night (Thursday night) was a high hour of the Convention. Under the direction of Executive Secretary, Dr. M. Theron Rankin, the field, the workers, and the needs were presented.

Highlights of the Foreign Mission

taken and an appeal made for volunteers for missionary work. The offering totalled \$5,077. The following from Mississippi were among the 14 who offered themselves for mission work: Rev. Henry C. Walker and Rev. Paul Z. Ball.

The Executive Committee recommended that a committee composed of one member from each state west of the Mississippi River be appointed to suggest a site for a proposed Western Ridgecrest. A former committee appointed by the Executive Committee had been unable to agree on a site. Another committee appointed at the 1946 Miami Convention recommended the immediate acceptance of the site in West Texas known as Piasano. After spiritual debate the Executive Committee's suggestion of a committee of nine was adopted.

The report of the Radio Commission, as presented by Edwin Preston, Tenn., and discussed by Ramsey Pollard, Tenn., E. H. Westmoreland, Tex., and S. F. Lowe, Ga., was adopted. Dr. Lowe, secretary of the Radio Commission reported much progress. "The Commission", said Dr. Lowe, "in addition to promoting the Baptist Radio Hour, also has a transcription library of more than 3,000 programs, a 15 minute devotional program on records for government hospitals and a new transcription service for local churches. Mr. Lowe also reported that a proposal is now before the management of NBC for a Southern Baptist broadcast over NBC stations on that portion of the network on which the Baptist Hour is carried. He also said that television provided a new opportunity for Baptists and that the Convention should make it possible for the Radio Committee to build and equip television studios of the best sort. The Commission is also investigating the possibilities of sound pictures."

Dr. Lowe further stated that one high-powered radio station for Southern Baptists was not practicable. He advised that each state plan for a chain of FM stations.

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WILL YOU SPREAD the GLAD TIDINGS?

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Bob H. Benton, Director

Rev. B. H. Benton closes the revival meeting at East Side Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi on May 24, working with Rev. August L. Ott, Pastor.

Mr. Benton will begin a tent revival at Philadelphia on Sunday, May 25 and continue through Saturday, May 31. Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Associational Missionary in Neshoba County will assist him in this revival.

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**ORGANIZATIONS REPORT GAINS
TO ST. LOUIS CONVENTION**

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hood of the South, Executive Secretary, Lawson H. Cooke, said, "In many respects 1946 was a record year in our southwide Brotherhood work. Our southwide budget was substantially increased by action of the convention, and this enabled us to install certain much needed physical equipment and to increase our southwide office personnel. This increase in budget also enabled us to render a larger co-operation to our state Brotherhood departments. Our distribution of free literature was greatly increased and we were in a position to give a broader personal assistance to our state work.

"By action of the southwide Executive Committee there were several technical changes in the official staff of the southwide office. Lawson H. Cooke's title was changed from General Secretary to Executive Secretary. Hugh F. Latimer's title was changed from Associate Secretary to Associate Executive Secretary. George W. Schroeder joined the southwide staff as Associate Secretary."

Three Suggestions

The Committee on Negro Ministerial Education through its chairman, Rev. S. A. Newman, made three suggestions:

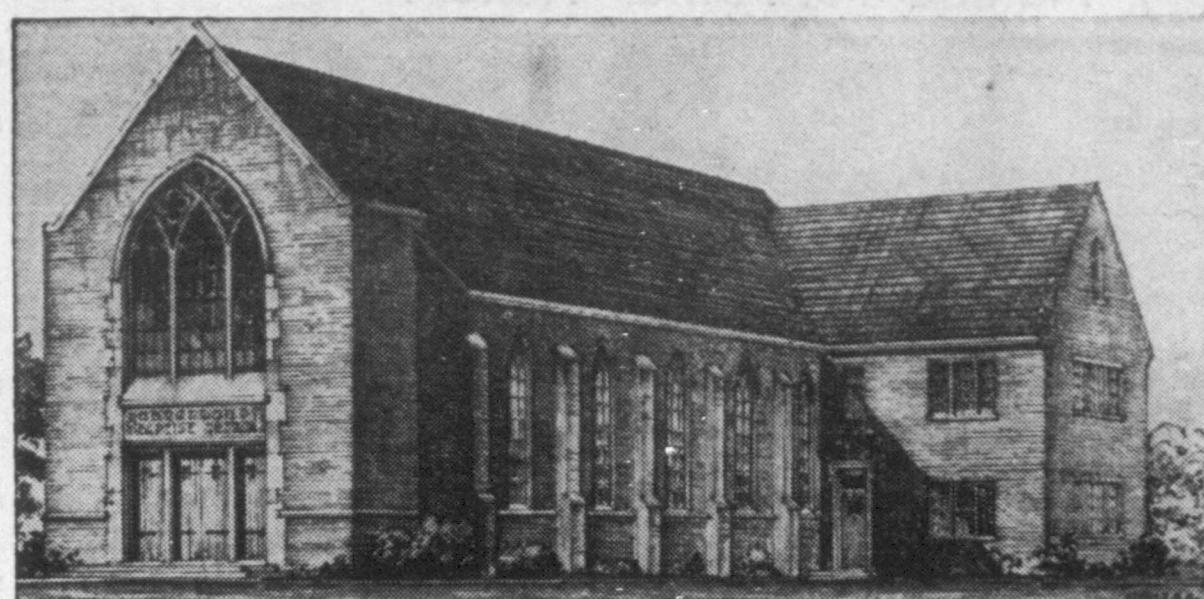
1. That white pastors endeavor to help encourage nearby negro pastors who have little education.

2. That we recognize the place of the negro colleges in our Christian program and a corresponding response in kind to their needs should be expressed.

3. We are greatly encouraged by improvements which are being made in the physical equipment of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Committee made two other suggestions: First, white Baptists should encourage the formation of student organizations comparable to our B.S.U. work; second, we should make frequent use of our denominational papers of religious news about Negro Baptist organized work.

The report also called attention to the fact that a majority of Negro churches in the South are served by ministers who cannot receive institutional training because they are obliged to earn their living in secular employment. The suggestion was made that white pastors help these untrained men with counsel and books. "Every (white) pastor in an area where there is an untrained Negro minister can become a theological seminary in miniature," the report stated.



PROPOSED NEW BRANDON BAPTIST CHURCH

The architect's perspective (left) is the proposed Brandon Baptist Church. Construction will get underway at an early date, pending the completion of working plans by Jones and Haas, Jackson architects. The building committee is composed of C. H. Kennedy, Ruel Overby, Henry Allen, W. E. Wells, and S. P. Kennedy. Rev. E. N. Sullivan is pastor.

Americans are "losing their individual freedom under group pressure in a frightening manner," the convention delegates were told in a report of the social service commission, presented by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon of Louisville, Ky.

"The industrialist faces it (loss of individual freedom) in his association of manufacturers," the report continued. "The laborer faces it in his union, and the farmer in his co-operative.

"Such organized groups are a part of our mechanized society, but their dominance over the individual conscience must be resisted. We are primarily citizens of the Kingdom of God, and no lesser loyalty should command our allegiance."

"Church Can't Take Sides"

"The church cannot take sides in the struggle," the report stated. "We cannot give aid to the organizing labor unions: we cannot give aid to management in any struggle against unions, nor can we be identified with the co-operative movements. To do so would be to negate the greater mission of the church."

"Rather must all these patterns be brought under the judgment of the Kingdom of God."

Race relations is primarily a moral and religious problem rather than a political issue, the committee on Race Relations declared in its report.

The race relations report, submitted by J. B. Weatherspoon of Louisville, Ky., called attention to the recent revival of "lawless organizations that fan racial hatred" and urged prompt adoption of a new charter of Christian and Baptist principles.

These principles, the report said, would include the practice of justice toward people of all races: A belief in the dignity and worth of the individual man and his right, irrespective of race or position, to develop as his capacity permits; and the practice of democracy in government. Democracy entails "the recognition and defense of the natural and constitutional rights of all citizens, irrespective of their origin or racial inheritance," the report said.

The committee on race relations listed "principles of conduct" to be observed. They include: Thinking of the Negro as a person and treating him accordingly; eliminating terms of contempt from speech; teaching children that prejudice is un-Christian, and protesting against injustice and indignities against Negroes.

The following recommendations of the Race Relations Committee were adopted:

1. That the Convention recognize

its responsibility for the promotion of inter-racial good-will, and urge upon our Baptist people and all Christians the duty of ordering our racial attitudes and actions in accordance with Christian truth and Christian love.

2. That the Convention express its approval of co-operative service, such as is being carried on by the Home Mission Board, the American Baptist Theological Seminary and the Convention Seminaries, in the field of Negro religious and theological education, and by the Woman's Missionary Union in its program education and missionary cooperation.

3. That the Convention approve a long range program of education among our own people looking toward racial understanding and Christian attitudes in the solution of race problems, and encourage Baptist agencies and institutions to promote such a program, including such particular services as the following: (1) the practice of the Sunday School Board of dealing with the race question in its literature; (2) the publication and distribution of tracts, study course books and other literature dealing with Christianity and race; (3) the publication of editorials and contributed articles on race relations in denominational papers; (4) the inclusion of the subject of race relations in the social service reports of all state conventions and district associations; (6) the introduction of courses in race, race relations and Negro life into the curricula of our Baptist colleges; (7) the publication from time to time of summaries of the work of Baptists in this field of service; (8) the co-operation of pastors in bringing to the attention of their people the basic Christian doctrines and principles of conduct that bear upon racial attitudes.

Gov. Stassen Speaks

Harold E. Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota, and candidate for the 1948 Republican Presidential nomination and one of the featured Convention speakers said he did not agree with the convention's stand in favor of withdrawing the United States' representative at the Vatican and its opposition to the Supreme Court decision upholding free bus transportation for parochial school pupils. Early in his speech he remarked on the convention's Vatican and Supreme Court resolutions, saying:

"Before proceeding with our discussion, in order that my views may not be misunderstood by inference, I wish to state simply and directly that I do not agree with the two resolutions. . . . But I do adhere to the basic American principle of the separation of church and state." There was little

if any applause.

Optimistic Over Peace

Then Stassen went on to discuss his recent trip to Europe. He said he believes that "with a sober optimism we can win the peace if our America remains strong and follows policies that are wise, just and humanitarian."

He said he does not underestimate the difficulties ahead, but that "I do have a reasoned measure of confidence that they can and will be overcome without the outbreak of another tragic world war."

His own war service and his European journey convinced him, Stassen said, that the sum total of human misery and suffering after war is "beyond adequate description."

"Peoples of all nations," he added, "know the colossal cost of war, and they have a determined yearning for peace that will be a powerful restraint upon the leaders of all countries, notwithstanding the variations in forms of governments."

Role of Churches

"I hope and trust that the members of this great Christian denomination and the members and friends of other churches of our land will never surrender to the insidious whisper of the inevitability of war; that they give steadfast support to the social and economic and cultural objectives of the United Nations; that they will increasingly build the moral foundations upon which this nation and world peace depend."

To Memphis In 1948

The convention agreed to hold the 1948 convention in Memphis, Tenn., from May 19 to 23, inclusive.

California messengers made a strong bid for Oakland as the place for the 1948 meeting and the vote favoring Memphis was close. Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Kentucky, was selected to preach the Convention sermon and Dr. H. H. Hobbs of Mobile, Alabama was named alternate.

Training Disapproved

The convention disapproved two resolutions. One would have put the Southern Baptists on record in support of universal military training administered by civilians. The other would have called for a change in the income tax laws to allow a 20 per cent deduction for religious and educational contributions. The law now allows 15 per cent for those purposes.

The Messengers condemned that as being another step toward undermining the wall between church and state.

Resolutions Approved

The Committee on Resolutions recommended and the Convention passed (Continued on Page Twelve)

Winona Library Named For Arthur Flake



WINONA LIBRARY: Upper Left—Mrs. H. C. Rose, Mrs. A. H. Wynn, Mrs. W. H. Steele, Mrs. J. O. Ringold, Mrs. J. C. Stoker, Mrs. T. J. Herod, Miss Fannie Morrow, Mr. Harold Ingraham, Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, Mrs. Percy Clark. Upper Right: Left to right—Mrs. Jenelle Heath, librarian; Mrs. C. E. Austin, member of Library Committee; Mrs. L. E. Townsend, member of Library Committee; Mrs. Willie Sue Holder, first librarian and at present member of library committee. Miss Louise Cartledge, second librarian and at present member of library committee; Mrs. A. H. Wynn, member of library committee. Lower Left: Miss Jenelle Heath, Librarian and Library. Lower Right: Rev. Charles B. Hamlett, III, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winona, Miss. Miss Jenelle Heath, Librarian; View of Adult Book Shelves.

On Monday, April 29th, the First Church, Winona, celebrated an occasion of significance to Southern Baptists.

Pastor Charles B. Hamlett III and the deacons of the church, appreciating the splendid contribution which Mr. Arthur Flake has made to this church, devoting much of his time, in former years, to promoting its program voted to dedicate their Church Library to him.

The Library and Lounge, which had been completely redecorated for the occasion, were a lovely setting for the tea on Monday afternoon. The ladies of the W.M.S. had moved Spring-time inside with baskets and bowls of flowers everywhere.

Sunday School Board Represented
After an enjoyable musical program

Harold Ingraham, of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., spoke on the subject "The Place of the Church Library in the Community." He invited audience participation and the large group in attendance from all of the churches in the city and from five of the churches in the Association, were interested and responsive. Delicious punch, cookies and salted nuts were served to the guests.

At the evening hour the capacity crowd which overflowed into the adjoining Sunday School Assembly room, listened with keen interest as Mr. Ingraham reviewed Mr. Flake's life and achievements, telling of the many fields in which Mr. Flake pioneered for the denomination. We who listened thanked God for the vision,

boundless energy, and consecration of this great Baptist layman.

R. G. Lee Preaches

Following Mr. Ingraham's address, Dr. R. G. Lee, of Memphis, Tennessee, who is Mr. Flake's pastor, brought greetings from him and expressed regret that Mr. Flake could not be present, because of illness.

In his message on "The Power of a Book," Dr. Lee explored the past, evaluated the present and ventured into the future on the wings of books, reaching a climax in his tribute to the Book of Books—the Bible.

Books valued at more than \$100 were brought by members of the church and friends, and donated to the "Flake Memorial Library" at this meeting.

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the following resolutions:

1. That the Southern Baptist Convention go on record as favoring the admission by the United States of its fair share of those displaced people, such share amounting to 400,000 over a period of the next four years, and urge the Congress to provide emergency legislation to accomplish this result.

2. That we the Southern Baptist Convention do hereby endorse this proposed Constitutional Amendment to prohibit sectarian appropriations to non-public educational institutions and assert our willingness to go further and prohibit the use of public monies for private, non-tax supported institutions of any kind, and urge its immediate passage.

3. That we urge all our churches and our people to make worthy con-

tributions to the work of the American Bible Society in order to insure an adequate supply of Scriptures for these missionary needs.

4. That we express our sincere appreciation for the excellent work that is being accomplished by these chaplains and commend the United States Veterans Administration for inaugurating the full-time Chaplaincy Service. (Editor's Note: This resolution refers to the work of the Chaplains in Veteran's Hospitals.)

5. That we recommend to the churches that they co-operate with the Census Bureau in taking this census, and that an effort be made to reach every church.

6. That we request of the Census Bureau, after every effort has been made to reach each church, to accept the reports not received, as published in the 1947 Handbook.

At the Friday night session the work

of the Sunday School Board was presented under the direction of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary. He introduced Dr. Clifton J. Allen, Harold Ingraham, Dr. J. O. Williams and Dr. W. R. White, who spoke on the past, present and future work of the Board. Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee closed the evening session with a heart-warming gospel sermon.

On Saturday morning Dr. C. D. Johnson of Waco, Texas, reported for the Education Commission; Dr. L. L. Carpenter on North Carolina for the Commission to cooperate with Returning Chaplains; and Dr. Walter R. Alexander for the Relief and Annuity Board. Dr. John W. Raley of Oklahoma led a memorial service for prominent Southern Baptists who died during the past year.

The last item on the morning program was a report on the Baptist World Alliance.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 26—Miss Selma Rhodes, nurse, Clarke Memorial College; Miss Lucy Lambe, Librarian, Blue Mountain College.

May 27—Rev. O. B. Beverly, member Pastors' Advisory Committee, District One, Brotherhood; O. L. Malone, Baptist Student Secretary, Mississippi College.

May 28—J. L. Jenkins, Sunflower B.T.U. Director; Rev. Carey E. Cox, Trustee, Mississippi Woman's College.

May 29—Dr. G. E. Wiley, Grenada Association Convention Board Member; Miss Louise Cutrer, History faculty, Mississippi College.

May 30—Owen Cooper, Trustee Baptist Hospital; Rex Reed, Trustee Baptist Foundation.

May 31—Horace Headrick, Trustee Clarke Memorial College; Rev. N. S. Jackson, member committee on Temperance.

June 1—Mrs. I. C. Knox, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, Trustee, Mississippi College.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 18, 1947

S.S. B.T.U.

New Albany	158
New Albany including	
North Side mission	568
West Laurel	413
Laurel, First	100
Jackson, Van Winkle	562
Soso	282
Jackson, Calvary	73
Jackson, Calvary including	1,400
Stone St. Mission	235
Providence, Forrest County	143
East McComb	105
West Point	340
Chester, Choctaw County	207
Shuqualak	382
Antioch, Lawrence County	49
Crystal Springs,	249
Walhall County	56
Crystal Springs	439
Glenfield, Union County	86
Jackson, Parkway	56
Liberty Hill, Panola County	134
O'Tuckolofa,	70
Yalobusha County	49
New Zion, Copiah County	85
Center, Union County	166
Tupelo, Harrisburg	85
Eastside, Rankin County	323
Batesville	118
Pascagoula, Unity	65
Brookhaven	206
Friendship, Pike County	91
Brooklyn	176
Wiggins	98
Hattiesburg, Main Street	88
Lucedale	118
Gulfport	269
Hebron, Yazoo County	219
Tupelo, Calvary	75
Tucker's Crossing, Jones	561
County	133
Pascagoula, First	36
Okolona	191
Booneville	181
County	87
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Rocky Creek,	88
George County	43
Cherry Creek,	207
Pontotoc County	125
Pascagoula, Unity	60
Agricola	75
Chalybeate	84
Lucedale	41
Picayune, Goodyear	246
Chester, Choctaw County	76
West Point	137
Providence, Tippah County	59
Friendship, Pike County	442
Laurel, Second Avenue	105
Laurel, Beacon	77
Rocky Springs,	179
Yazoo County	81
Tupelo, Harrisburg	131
Harmony, Tippah County	67
Brooklyn	101
Centreville	94
County	53
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GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

ELRAINE IS IN

Elaine Church in suburban Jackson believes in starting right. Recently organized, the church started off with the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

The list of charter members was sent in by Mrs. W. K. Kellums.

In addition to the 16 Records going to members of Elaine Church, other subscribers in Hinds County are now listed as follows: MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE B.S.U., 241, BEULAH 46, BETHESDA 59, BOLTON 24, BYRAM 18, CALVARY 1301, CHAPEL HILL 25, CLINTON 269, DANIEL 79, DAVIS MEMORIAL 102, EDWARDS 35, Griffith Memorial 4, JACKSON FIRST 1008, LEARNED 18, NORTH SIDE, JACKSON 225, PALESTINE 10, PARKWAY 451, POCOHONTAS 20, RAYMOND 61, SOUTH SIDE, JACKSON, 70, UTICA 68.

LAKE IS NO 860

Having had the Baptist Record in most of the homes on individual plan, Lake Church, Rev. A. A. Jackson, pastor, has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

The list of 46 names has already been received from the treasurer, Mrs. Earl Davis.

Record readers in Scott County are now listed as follows: Coopersville 11, BETHLEHEM 34, Branch 3, FOREST FIRST 196, GOOD HOPE 42, HARPERVILLE 53, Hillsboro 3, HOMEWOOD 22, Hopewell 6, LAKE 46, Line Creek 4, LUDLOW 44, MORTON 92, OAK GROVE 16, PULASKI 18, SPRINGFIELD 72, CLIFTON 48, Pleasant Ridge 12, NEW HEBRON 31, Sardis 16, Liberty 1, RIDGE 26, Sand Ridge 16, EPHESUS 42.

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WHITTENTOWN, TIPPAH CO.

Whittentown has joined the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Pastor L. E. Horton and Rev. C. S. Wales collaborated in leading Whittentown to make the Baptist Record a part of its budget. The list of 15 names has already been received. Miss Bernice Lindsey is treasurer.

Tippah County's Record readers are now listed as follows ACADEMY 41, CHALYBEATE 48, BLUE MOUNTAIN 144, Dumas 2, FALKNER 50, FELLOWSHIP 35, Harmony 6, MT. HEBRON 18, MT. OLIVE 34, PINE GROVE 35, Pleasant Hill 3, PROVIDENCE 39, RIPLEY 111, Tiplersville 2, WALNUT 44, MACE-DONIA 17, PALMER 20, Shady Grove 1, Oakland 1.

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ENON, WALTHALL COUNTY, IS NUMBER 861

Enon Church in Walthall County has recently adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record and thus becomes 861 on this growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches.

Rev. Percy F. Herring, pastor lost no time in leading this good church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan when he became pastor. Pastor Herring had used the EVERY FAMILY Plan in other churches of which he was pastor and knew its value, and was able to show this value to the members of Enon Church.

This church has adopted a budget

HATTIESBURG FIRST CHURCH JUNIOR I DEPARTMENT



EASTER AT HATTIESBURG FIRST WITH THE JUNIOR I DEPARTMENT. Parents were guests of pupils for special program. These juniors are Standard. Mrs. T. T. Brown is superintendent.

200 Ship Spaces Available To Copenhagen

Thomas Cook and Son announce that 200 berths are available on troop ships for messengers to the Baptist World Congress at Copenhagen. The ship will sail from New York about July 18 and the return reservations will be by troop ship. You may return by air or leave New York by air and return by troop ship.

Write to Thomas Cook and Son, Inc., 587 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or to Dr. J. W. Marshall, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia, for information.

Cook's still have some air seats available for all air tours, but the demand is so great that the supply will be exhausted soon.

Prices on troop ships are about equivalent to tourist class rates.

Passengers sailing on the troop ships will arrive at Southampton eight days after leaving New York and will join airline parties in Europe.

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Youth Leaders Needed In Germany

Mr. B. Gibson Lewis, Jr., an official of the Division of Service of Church World Service, Inc., has sent the following message:

"The long awaited request from the German churches for American personnel help has finally come through. We are looking for five young Christian youth leaders who will go into the American Zone and help out in key centers of German church life. They must speak German, have earnest consecrated Christian motivation, be sympathetic to the terrific problems of the German church, and have the proper disposition for working with German church leaders."

This request was received late in April and Church World Service is looking for these young Christians now.

If you know of some qualified young person willing to go to Germany in answer to this request, write immediately to Dr. J. W. Marshall, secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia.

and is putting the Cooperative Program first in its spending. No doubt the fact that the Baptist Record goes into every home will help to increase interest in the Cooperative Program.

Walthall County now has Record readers listed as follows: CRYSTAL SPRINGS 44, DINAN 45, ENON 78, KNOXO 24, LEXIE 39, MAGEE'S CREEK 52, NEW ZION 30, SALEM 46, TYLERTOWN 171, UNION 31, MESA 31, Centerville 1.

Thirty-Two Additions at Benoit Schjeueland Was Evangelist

By Rev. E. G. Evans

Our Revival began on Sunday, April 27, continuing for six days. The church was greatly blessed. There was 32 additions; 22 for baptism; ten by letter and statement. Also there were quite a number who united with the other two churches of the town. Dr. Christy Schjeueland, pastor of the Rosedale Church, did the preaching: Also led the singing, bringing a great gospel solo at each service. Dr. Schjeueland is both a great gospel preacher and singer.

The church also sent their pastor, Rev. E. G. Evans, to the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis.

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MRS. MARY LOU KYZER MASSEY

Funeral service was held March 29 at Mt. Pleasant Church for Mrs. Mary Lou Kyzer Massey who died at her home near West on March 28. Rev. A. H. Miller of Bonita and Rev. H. C. Ellis of West officiated.

Mrs. Massey had spent most of her life in the Mt. Pleasant Community. She united with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church early in life and had been a devoted member ever since. Much of this time she served as church pianist. She will be greatly missed in this capacity.

She leaves a husband, a nine year old son, James Lee, an infant daughter, Bonnie Lou; her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kyzer of West; four sisters, Mrs. Ludie Pierce, Lexington; Mrs. Margaret Ellard, Mrs. Ruth O'Briant, Mrs. Robert Rogers, all of West; three brothers; Emit Kyzer, Kosciusko, Willie and Bit Kyzer, West; also a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

A Friend.

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CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED AT BLUE MTN. COLLEGE

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 8—The classes of Blue Mountain College have elected their officers for the session of 1947-48. They are as follows:

Senior Class: Bonnie Gene Boland, Calhoun City, president; Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine, vice-president; Mary Cook, Gadsden, Ala., secretary; and Gladys Allen, Louisville, treasurer.

Junior Class: Hazel Rodgers, Yazoo City, president; Doris Dempsey, Waltham, Mass., vice-president; Jeannie Jones, Baldwyn, secretary; and Mary Louise Oakley, New Albany, treasurer.

Sophomore Class: Betty Cooper, Ventura, Calif., president; Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley, vice-president; Betty Wilkinson, Lexington, Ky., secretary; and Rosalyn Owens, Clanton, Ala., treasurer.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

By Rev. R. A. Eddleman

Pastor J. H. Lane of Central Church, McComb says that notwithstanding the shops are closed and the church is building a house, his people will do fairly well in the campaign.

Rev. J. E. Wills assisted pastor Simmons in a meeting at Goodman. A healthful condition was brought about in the membership of the church.

Shubuta Church called brother E. G. Diamond who has been attending the Seminary in Louisville and he has accepted.

The Men's Bible class in the First Church Gulfport averaged 98 the first quarter. Dr. Theodore Whitfield is the teacher.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt has returned from a good meeting in Aliceon, Ala. He commends highly Mr. Paul Ballard of Tupelo who lead the singing as a consecrated and efficient song leader.

Pastor W. A. Roper says Tylertown can be counted on to do its best in the round up campaign. Four were baptized on a recent Sunday and two received by letter. Large congregations morning and night and 231 in Sunday School.

Bryan Simmons has accepted the call to West Laurel Church to begin his work there the middle of May.

RANKIN CHURCH WRITES GOLD COAST RESOLUTIONS

Cato Baptist church, located in Rankin county, has drawn up a resolution pledging the support of the church to ridding the state of the Gold Coast.

The resolution follows:

WHEREAS Cato Baptist Church is located in Rankin County not far from the Gold Coast, where liquor is sold, and drinking, gambling, and murder are tolerated, against the peace and dignity of the state of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS the Cato Baptist Church asked over a year ago that the executive officers, on the basis of its being a nuisance to society, to close it, and keep it closed to save the honor of the state, and human lives, and

WHEREAS it seems, that the executive officers, and some of the people are about to get aroused to action; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Cato Baptist Church command the officers from the governor down, and all the people who are interested, and pledge our support as a church to such a noble undertaking.

Be it further resolved, that we as a church call attention to the importance of an organized effort in combating evil not only in Rankin county but everywhere. The anti-saloon league, the W.C.T.U., the churches, and a brand new organization, if it is needed.

Again BE IT RESOLVED, that the executive officers may know that they have our backing, that these resolutions be published in the Brandon News, The Clarion-Ledger, and The Baptist Record.

Signed by the pastor and board of deacons:

Charles C. Jones, Pastor, T. M. Martin, Tom Ponder, J. K. Winstead, and W. J. Shatts, clerk.

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The Bethany Baptist Church, on Sunflower Plantation, recently licensed A. A. Henderson to preach the Gospel, and look forward with expectancy to his doing a worthy work. Since July 1946 we have had sixty-five to accept Jesus as Savior, eight by letter, and one by statement. Fifty-five of these converts have been baptised. Other things we thank God for are to have a part in world wide missions, our new pastorium, and Butane System for both church and pastorium—J. O. Payne, pastor.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For May 25

FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM. Particularly, "SYRIAN CAPTAIN NAAMAN." II Kings 5.

I. A typical Gentleman of the Upper Class. That was Naaman, a fine man, great, honorable, valiant. Names of eminent Americans come to memory as we think of this commander-in-chief of the long ago. "But he was a leper". He was afflicted with that dread disease which, everywhere in the Bible, typifies sin. A typical man he was then, afflicted with a typical disease, wasting, progressive, incurable by any human treatment. Never a man in the world, however fine he may be, but is a sinner, a moral leper. Let him think of himself as loftily as even Naaman did, that he was Gen. Naaman, Commander of the army, who just happened to be a leper. Nay, but the old prophet had a different estimate of him: to Elisha, this great Syrian was just a leper who just chanced to be Gen. Naaman.

II. An Invitation from God Through a Child. "A little maiden", and she was a slave, a captive from Israel of Naaman's soldiers, a band of whom had gone down into Israel on a marauding expedition in the course of which this band had raided the home of the little maiden's parents and may, for all you know, have killed her parents. But she was a true child of God and harbored no hate against anyone; but had learned in advance the teaching, "Love your enemies; bless those who curse you; act generously to those who hate you; and pray for those who ill-use and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). So she spoke for God her simple message, that there was hope for her master in the power of God. Do you wish you were as faithful as this little girl, who just told what she knew to one who needed to learn it? No church had ordained her to preach; she just knew something about God, and she told what she knew.

This is our great revival year. We are to strive to lead a great host of people to the Lord this year. We Baptists! Well, are you one? And what are you going to do to help? But you don't know all the doctrines! Who said you must? You know that Jesus saves whoever trusts Him, don't you? You can tell lost people that, can't you? That's all that is needed. That's all the greatest theologian that ever lived told a man who needed God, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

III. A Pair of Blunderers. Two politicians who did not reverence and trust the true God. The Syrian politician thought that the Israelite politician could command anything in his kingdom. Only pull wires right, and you get anything you want. Offer any man his price and he'll get you anything he has. Go down to Samaria and take along silver and gold and new duds for the king and his favorites to wear, and he'll get you anything. Now, that is and always has been the world's method of getting what it wanted. So Syria wrote a letter to Israel; but poor Israel couldn't deliver on this order. Poor little Israel was sure that Syria was not serious

Student Officers Elected At Blue Mountain College

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 12 — Miss Jean Yates, Houston, Texas, has been elected president of the Student Government Council of Blue Mountain College for 1947-48.

Other officers elected are: vice-president, Geraldine Lackey, Calhoun City; secretary, Cleo Tumblin, Laurens, S.C.; treasurer, Boots Hicks, Sledge; defending attorney, Norma Jean John, Jefferson City, Mo.; prosecuting attorney, Elizabeth Smith, Blue Mountain; house president representative, Doris Dempsey, Waltham, Mass.; senior class representative, Katherine Beaty, Jackson; junior class representative, Margery Smith, Union; sophomore class representative, Norva Zipperer, Madison, Tenn.; local representative, Geraldine Hicks, Blue Mountain; faculty adviser, Dr. Modena H. Peterson.

In asking him to do what no man on earth could do, but was seeking to pick a quarrel that might lead to war and the invasion of Israel by the larger and more powerful Syria. So Israel was in despair! Poor little desperate fool! God was not in all his thoughts.

IV. A Prophet Commands. "Why tear your shirt? Let the general come to me and, although the land of Israel has no king worth the name, Gen. Naaman shall learn that God has a prophet in the land". The king (?) acts at once. He is a buck-pass from away back! "Oh, I just thought! I ain't the man you are looking for. I appointed old Parson Elisha to attend to all such matters. I'll send somebody to show you where he lives. Good morning! Here's your hat, what's your hurry?"

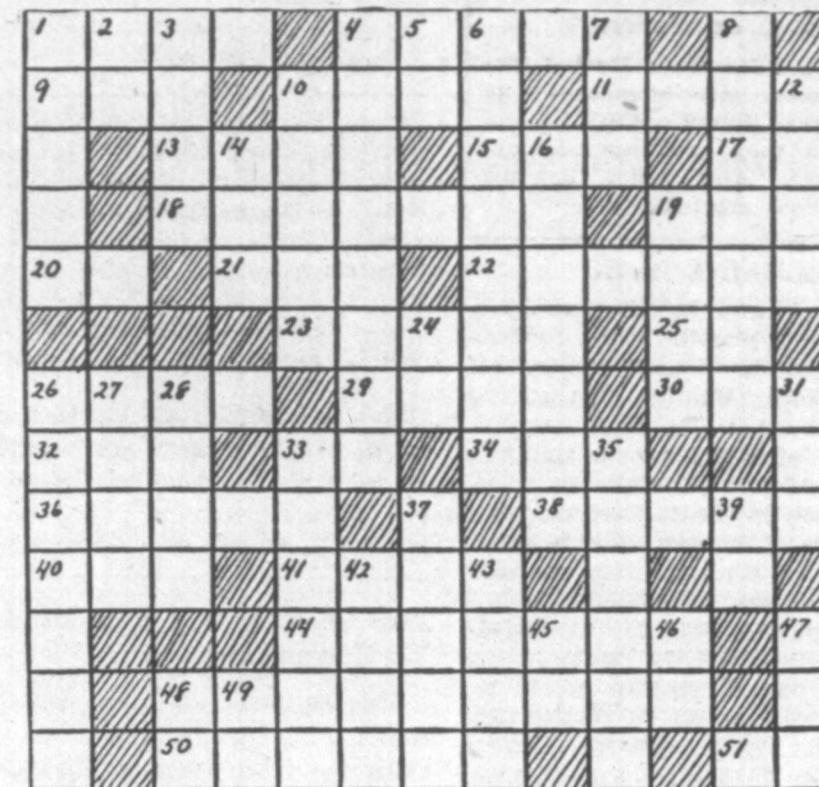
Away goes the general with his horses and chariots. "The prophet has doubtless heard of me, all these hayseeds have. I know just what he'll do". "This is the preacher's house, and I'll tell him you are here".

But the preacher was not so greatly impressed by the high position Naaman occupied, didn't even come out to uncover before him; just told Gehazi to tell him, "Dip yourself in the river Jordan seven times and you'll be well". Just like that. But this gave offense to the dignity of Naaman. "I'll rot before I'll do it. Gives me the itch to have an old sky-pilot tell me what to do! As though I did not know how to do!" He was so mad he trembled all over. But his servants said, "Why not try what the old dominie says? It's so easy". God's way for the leper is easy. The devil's strategy is always to make people believe the way of the Lord is a hard way. Here Naaman shows up great. He takes the advice of his servant or, maybe he grants the request of the servants. He does what the prophet orders, just what the prophet orders. I am sure that the water stung his sores the first time he bowed his head under it, and every time until the seventh. Then when he had done just what the prophet said, nothing else, but all, there came the healing power of God.

Note the sequel. The general tried to pay for his healing, but Elisha thought Naaman might think he was healed in prospect of payment, so no payment must be accepted. The grace of God to save and keep is free as is God's sunlight.

Naaman's heart was won to the true God, the God who was able to respond to the need of a leper and give him cleansing from his corruption.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"They brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord." —Luke 2:22.

HORIZONTAL

1 To and upon
 4 "A . . . to lighten the Gentiles" Luke 2:32
 9 ". . . I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat" Matt. 25:35
 10 "heareth these sayings of . . . , and doeth them" Matt. 7:24
 11 "lord, that our . . . may be opened" Matt. 20:33
 13 Sacred East Indian tree
 15 Born
 17 Symbol for tellurium
 18 Jesus was brought to the temple by his . . .
 19 Greek letter
 20 Second note
 21 "according to the . . . of Moses" Luke 2:22
 22 "and the glory of thy people . . ." Luke 2:32
 23 City in France
 25 . . . Luke
 26 "For if ye love them which love you, what reward . . . ye" Matt. 5:46
 29 "not see death, before he had . . . the Lord's Christ" Luke 2:26
 30 "a sword shall pierce through . . . own soul also" Luke 2:35
 32 Compass point
 33 "and for a sign which shall . . . spoken against" Luke 2:34
 34 Soil Conservation Service
 36 "ye pay tithe of mint and . . . and cummin" Matt. 23:23
 38 Jesus received his name when he was . . . days old
 40 Large covered wagon
 41 The . . . of the Apostles
 44 "they returned into . . ." Luke 2:39
 48 "And all flesh shall see the . . . of God" Luke 3:6
 50 Molded curd of milk
 51 "which was . . . named of the angel" Luke 2:21
 A saying of Simeon is 9, 10, 11, 26, 29, 30, and 48 combined

VERTICAL

1 "to . . . a sacrifice" Luke 2:24
 2 "I have not found so great faith, . . . , not in Israel" Luke 7:9
 3 "they set a . . . , they catch men" Jer. 5:26
 4 "gave thanks . . . unto the Lord" Luke 2:38
 5 "this child is set for the fall and rising again of many . . . Israel" Luke 2:34
 6 "For after all these things do the . . . seek" Matt. 6:32
 7 Golf mound
 8 "but . . . it on a candlestick" Luke 8:16

Films Wanted For Baptist World Congress

A request has come to the Foreign Mission Board from Mr. Harry W. Holm, chairman of the Committee on Films, for the Baptist World Congress meeting in Copenhagen, asking for films to be used in Copenhagen.

The Danish Committee is making arrangements to establish several moving picture auditoriums in the Congress building. It is planned that pictures presenting the worldwide mission of Baptists will be shown.

The type films wanted include those showing "all branches of Baptist work, such as ordinary church work in the various countries, work among children, youth, men and women, social work, evangelization, foreign missions, biographies of leading people in Baptist history, historical films, and those showing reconstruction work carried on by Baptists."

Please write to Dr. J. W. Marshall, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia, at once and indicate what films you have available for use during the Congress. All films sent to the Board in Richmond and marked for this purpose will be forwarded to the proper person.

Sunday School Department

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APRIL STANDARDS

Schools: Newton, Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor, E. L. Clark, superintendent; Terry, Rev. Thurman Boothe, pastor, George A. Morgan, superintendent; Monticello, Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor, A. P. Smith, Jr., superintendent; Sidon, Rev. C. J. Olander, pastor, C. V. Reese, superintendent.

Departments: Beginner No. 4, Calvary Jackson, Mrs. Harvey Reno, superintendent; Junior No. 2, Hattiesburg First, Mrs. T. T. Brown, superintendent; Intermediate, Biloxi First, Miss Eleanor C. Wheeler, superintendent.

Classes: Junior — Shining Lights, Hattiesburg First, Mrs. J. W. Askew, teacher; Truth Seekers, Hattiesburg First, Miss Mellie Grantham; Wide Awakes, Hattiesburg First, Miss Billie Jean Myers; Bible Learners, Hattiesburg First, Mrs. J. A. McMichael. All the above are in Department No. 1. Truth Seekers, Mendenhall, Mrs. L. H. Lee, teacher.

Intermediate — Pilots, Vicksburg First, Norman Hawthorne, teacher; Volunteer Band, Vicksburg First, James Higgs; Daughters of Ruth, Vicksburg First, Mrs. Vara Campbell; Daughters of Ruth, Popular Springs Meridian, Mrs. William Cannon; Doers of the Word, Biloxi First, Mrs. James Hicks; His Followers, Biloxi First, James F. Brent; Bonoth, Biloxi First, Mrs. Janet Saurman; V.I.S., Biloxi First, Max H. Jordan.

We are grateful indeed to the leaders of these units for their splendid work in achieving the distinction of being standard.

Why don't others of you do the same thing? Application blanks will be gladly sent on request.

Remember, standard units are better.

TWO NEW BOOKS READY

Two new Sunday school study course books are now ready for use. One is **THE CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**, by Mrs. Elizabeth W. Von Hagen. This new book will make a great contribution to the aim of the Cradle Roll department, which is, "A Christian Home for Every Baby."

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THE OTHER NEW BOOK now ready is **THE FAITH WE SHARE**. The author is Miss Robbie Trent, Elementary Editor of the Sunday School Board. The purpose of this book is to help teachers of boys and girls in teaching doctrines to the children. Teachers working with Beginners, Primaries and Juniors will find this book very helpful.

These books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

MORE V.B.S. REPORTS

The first 1947 Vacation Bible school report was mentioned in this column some time ago, and came from Sunflower association.

Since then we have three others, as follows: Union (colored), Itawamba association, under the direction of Rev. Clarence Palmer, Association Missionary.

Rev. H. H. Ward, Union County Missionary, sends reports of Vacation Bible schools at Myrtle and Martin.

We are grateful for this early start in these schools, which should be in several hundred churches this summer.

V.B.S. CLINICS

We have been encouraged in the number of associational Vacation Bible school clinics that have either been held or will be soon. This is one of the very best ways to promote this work in the churches that have never yet had one.

Reports of very splendid clinics have come to us from Jones county, Rev. John W. Cook, Missionary, and also from Columbus association, Rev. Boyd Armstrong, Missionary. We know of several others that are planned for the near future, as Tishomingo, Bolivar, Covington, Calhoun, Pontotoc and Prentiss.

Union county, Rev. H. H. Ward, Missionary, had several clinics, holding them in different sections of the county so as to make it easier for people to attend.

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W. S. LANDRUM RESIGNS FROM MIDWAY CHURCH

After a successful pastorate at the Midway Baptist church in Hinds county, Rev. W. S. Landrum of Clinton has resigned as pastor. He came to the work shortly after the church was organized, and led to full time services, with a rapidly growing Sunday school, Training Union, W.M.U. and weekly prayer meeting. Vacation Bible schools each year have been well attended. The cooperation of the congregation has been extended toward every denominational movement. They have the every family plan of the Baptist Record.

A valuable property has been secured and paid for. Services are now held in a brick residence, which is well equipped. A fund of \$1600 has been raised toward a building.

In a resolution passed by the church Rev. and Mrs. Landrum were praised for their fine spirit and zeal. During this pastorate 36 were added to the membership, 24 coming by baptism.

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Holmesville Church never does things by halves. Recently Mrs. M. M. Breland sent the renewal list on the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan and inclosed a check for \$29.00 to pay for the 29 families for a year. Lists like that help us in our upward circulation climb.



REV. N. D. STORY

Story Now Serves Rienzi And Mt. Olive Churches-From III.

Rev. N. D. Story of Elkville, Illinois has accepted the pastorate of the Rienzi, and Mt. Olive churches in Alcorn and Prentiss Counties. Mr. Story is the former pastor of the First Church of Elkville, Illinois, and has held successful pastorates in Western Kentucky, Southern Illinois and Middle Tennessee. He comes to the Rienzi and Mt. Olive fields from Elkville after three years of work there, during which there were more than 60 additions to the church and the budget was more than doubled. He attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. He is an able evangelist and a good singer.

The Storys moved to Rienzi May 16. The Baptists of Prentiss County welcome him and his family to this section with great rejoicing.

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J. L. FLURRY
Death claims one of our oldest and best loved citizens.

March 24th J. Lyman Flurry died at his home in the Daisy Vestry Community Jackson County, where he had spent most of his life. He was 80 years old. For a number of years he was active in county affairs.

Early in life he joined the Red Creek Union Baptist Church and was its first Sunday School Supt. He was a deacon for 50 years. He will be greatly missed in the church and community. It can be truly said of him. "He died as he lived, a Christian".

Left to mourn his going are his wife, two daughters Mrs. W. K. McNider Marvin, Ala.; Mrs. Walter Porter, Sacramento, Calif.; two sons Homer L. Flurry, Dallas, Tex., and Otto Flurry, Daisy Vestry, a sister Mrs. Belle Walker, Houston, Texas, a brother, W. P. Flurry Wiggins, Miss.; five granddaughters and one grandson and several nieces and nephews.

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S. D. DENSON ORDAINED

Roundaway Baptist Church recently ordained S. D. Denson to the full work of the gospel ministry.

The presbytery was composed of brethren from three churches in the association. The sermon was delivered by Rev. L. J. Crumby, pastor of Inverness Church. Deacon W. B. Mitchell of the Lynn Church offered the prayer. Rev. Chas. Magee, pastor of the Taylor Church in LaFayette County delivered the charge and Rev. E. W. Bryan presented the Bible.

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Friendship Church, Kreole, Rev. Jewel Golman, pastor, reports 400 at prayer meeting last week.



Answer to Puzzle on Page Fourteen

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —(RNS)— Getting an early start, the executive committee of the Kentucky Association of Baptists met here to plan for a state-wide evangelistic campaign in 1948 calling for a special 10-day revival meeting in each of 80 district associations. The committee also said it plans to make motion pictures of mission work in Kentucky and is developing a 5-year program to train state missionaries.



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EX-SERVICE MAN TELLS HOW CHURCH CAN ENLIST

By N. W. Overstreet, Jr.

(Editor's Note: The address below was given by an Ex-Service man at the recent Pastors' and Laymen's Conference in Mississippi.)

It is my opinion that a feeling of interest in his church is prevalent among most ex-servicemen: The matter arose quite often in the various so-called barracks room sessions.

The Main Purpose

What is the purpose of a church? A church has many purposes which it can, and in many instances does, serve. It can be a gathering place for social occasions for members and their friends. This is commendable, as fellowship among Christians was taught and exemplified by Christ and the early apostles. In addition, we are all human and desire fellowship with one another, especially those of kindred thoughts. But is this its main purpose? Social contacts cannot be the main purpose of a church, unless we are to make just another one of the clubs and lodges that exist today.

Is the purpose of a church to add to the community, beauty of buildings of excellent architectural design, landscaped grounds, and ceremonies of dignity? We like for our church to be such that it will please the eye and attract the interest of the community. We are also impressed by beautiful and dignified church services. However, although beauty and dignity is commendable it is not the sole purpose of a Christian Church.

Law Observance An Old Custom

Is the purpose of a Christian church the promotion of law observance and the moral welfare of the community? Certainly all Christians should live moral and upright lives and carefully observe the laws of the state. Obedience to the civil law was taught by Christ. However, the observance of law, for the common good, was recognized long before the time of Christ. The Romans made a fetish of the observance of their laws. Most non-Christians nowadays recognize good morals and the observance of law as necessary to a well organized community. There is no doubt that Christian churches add decidedly to the moral fiber of a community. I well remember a wealthy Jewish leader in a town of Mississippi stating to me that whenever a church desired a contribution to its building program he was always willing to contribute because he thought Churches necessary for the welfare of the community. However, training in law observance and morality is not distinct and unique for a Christian church, however commendable it otherwise might be.

Is it the purpose of the church to promote the social and financial advancement of its members? I do not believe that any real Christian would answer that in the affirmative. Some of them may make such a statement in private, but would certainly be ashamed to do so in public. Unfortunately, a lot of our church members have this in mind when they become members of churches. I sometimes wonder if it is not a bit detrimental to Christianity in the South that belonging to a church is so popular. With its being such a popular thing, no doubt there are some members who belong solely for the social and financial betterment they might obtain from it. If this offers the sole reason for belonging to a church, then it is no better than any other organi-

GEORGE W. NOBLE

Funeral services for George W. Noble, who passed away on March 17 were held at his home and Antioch Baptist Church on March 19. The services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. D. Walker, assisted by Rev. R. C. Ryan, pastor of Ocean Springs church and Rev. Lewis of Ocean Springs. Interment was in Antioch Cemetery.

Mr. Noble had lived all of his life in Ft. Bayou community. Had he lived until March 21, he would have been 70 years old. He had been a member of Ft. Bayou Baptist Church for many years and was a deacon for 24 years.

He was a good husband and father and a friend to everyone, always ready to help anyone who was in need. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He will be missed for many years by his many friends and loved ones. He is gone but his memory lives on. A good man has gone to his reward.

He is survived by his wife, Missouri Martin Noble, two daughters, Mrs. R. V. Walker and Mrs. Odell Ulmer of Ft. Bayou, three sons, Leo and George, Jr., of Ft. Bayou, Minor of Pascagoula, and thirteen grandchildren.

May his going be the means of drawing his family closer to their Lord, and may God bless them and comfort them in their sorrow. — FT. BAYOU BAPTIST CHURCH, Ocean Springs, Miss.

zation that might promote the social and financial welfare of its members.

Is it the purpose of a church to provide entertainment for its members by the intellectual stimulus of polished preaching and the aesthetic enjoyment of good music? If that were the purpose, the church would be in competition with picture shows, lectures, plays, the radio, and other means of entertainment. Unfortunately, some apparently think that entertainment is its function. They are missing the sole point of Christianity, and certainly on an entertainment basis a church cannot compete with the regular and generally accepted forms of entertainment.

The Main Purpose

I believe that when the things mentioned are considered as the main purpose of a church, the church will not succeed. It is this that causes a great many ex-servicemen to lose interest in their church. They feel that some churches have debased Christ and His gospel.

The purpose of a church is to spread the gospel of Christ. Unless it is centered around Christ and the salvation that He offers, and if that is not foremost in the minds and deeds of the pastor and the members of the church, that church will eventually wither away. There is no other organization or club that has this for its sole purpose. Churches must remember that when they devote their time largely to these other activities I have mentioned they will fail to attract people to Christ and His teachings. Some of these other items are worthwhile and the church should participate therein, but only to a limited extent, always keeping them subordinate to the teachings of Christ's gospel and the spread of Christianity.

These returning servicemen in a great many cases are super-critical. They regard with disdain things that are a sham and a fraud. They desire to have the organization they belong to function for its true purpose. And so I say, that if you desire to enlist ex-servicemen in the activities of your church, see that your church has Christ as its center with the teaching of His word as its program, otherwise you will never be able to obtain their permanent and sustained interest.

Southside Meridian Y.W.A. Sponsors Mission Project



CENTER TERRACE, CANTON REPORTS PROGRESS

Center Terrace Baptist Church, Canton and Pastor C. O. Estes are enjoying encouraging progress during recent months. Attendance at every service has had marked increase. The Sunday School attendance is now three times what it was a year ago. With extra seating facilities the auditorium can seat the added attendance at preaching services. The Training Union has grown rapidly. The Junior department has led in growth, increasing from one union a year ago to a department with four Junior unions. The Brotherhood has established a new activity program which consists of three prayer meeting groups and one visiting group functioning on Thursday nights. At the three cottage prayer meetings held recently there were 88 present. The regular Wednesday night prayer meeting has attendance ranging to 65. The W.M.U. is sponsoring a good youth program and is enjoying increased attendance.

Since the beginning of 1947, 68 members have been added, 43 of these by baptism. Five more are approved and awaiting baptism. A spirit of evangelism is in all phases of the church life.

BR — RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, God has, in His infinite wisdom, seen fit to take from us Mrs. O. N. Arrington, lovingly known as "Miss Janie" and,

WHEREAS, she has been an outstanding member of the W.M.U. of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven, serving as Circle Leader and as President, and,

WHEREAS, her Christian graces and her lovable personality have proven an inspiration to all who knew her,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the W.M.U. express to her family our sympathy in their grief and our sense of loss in her passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these Resolutions be spread on the minutes of the W.M.U., a copy sent to the family, copy to the Baptist Record and one to the local papers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEO. H. GULLEY

MRS. CHAS. E. BRUMFIELD

MRS. N. H. McLAURIN

RUTH JONES

BR —

Barry Garrett has been elected editor of the Arizona Baptist Beacon.

After an inspirational address by Mrs. John Allen Moore, returned Missionary from Yugoslavia, the Appleby Y.W.A. of the South Side Baptist Church of Meridian sponsored a Mission project for that needy field. The girls along with their sponsor Mrs. L. N. Keeton, brought some of their own clothing and some from others and packed 110 pounds of used clothes to be sent to Yugoslavia. The girls thoroughly enjoyed packing the boxes and a part of them are shown in the picture as their work was finished. On the extreme left is Glynn Hall, president of the group. There are 16 enrolled in the Appleby Y.W.A. which meets twice each month.

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MISSING RECORDS NEEDED

According to Mrs. Ethel Taylor Crittenden, in charge of the Baptist Collection at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. is trying to complete the files of the Baptist newspapers.

She writes "You may have heard that we have in the Wake Forest College Library what is generally conceded to be one of the most important collections of Baptist Materials in the South, if not in the United States. However, files of the Baptist Record are far from complete.

Below is given a list of the missing volumes and numbers. Anyone who can supply these missing papers or volumes are asked to send them to Mrs. Ethel Taylor Crittenden, In charge of Baptist Collection, Wake Forest, N. C.

List of volumes or single numbers lacked by the Wake Forest College Library of the Baptist Record:

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Wake Forest College needs annuals of 1836-1914; 1916; 1919-25; 1928; -1935; 1937; 944.

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Bouie Street Church, Hattiesburg, is planning a V.B.S. and revival June 1-7. Rev. C. E. Smith is pastor.